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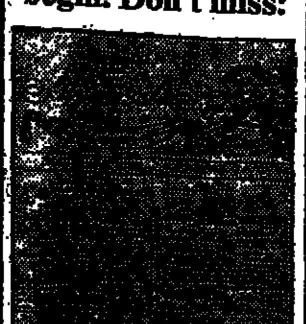
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On Wednesday, January 2, The Times Bicentenary celebrations begin. Don't miss:



In the beginning
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On this day
The start of a new feature reproducing a daily news report from the past 200 years

The voice within
Philip Howard describes some of the secrets discovered during the making of Thames Television programme on The Times

Next week: Colourful view



On Monday, January 7, a special magazine commemorating the Bicentenary will be published free with The Times

Wednesday

Talent show?
The Golden Age of Anglo-Saxon Art at the British Museum – or was it so golden?

Vive la différence
Why we should never be surprised to see men in skirts and women in trousers

Red faces
Digby Anderson on Karl Marx and the careers officer

Sport for all
Complete coverage of Bank Holiday football, rugby and racing, plus John Woodcock at the third Test



The Times Saturday Portfolio prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yesterday. Mr J. W. P. Gummer, of Frinton, Essex, and Mr J. G. Verity of St Albans, Herts, each received £1,000. There is a further £2,000 to be won today. Prices list, page 16; rules and how to play, information service, back page.

Murray and Chapple made life peers

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Frank Chapple, one of the most controversial personalities in the trade union movement since the late 1960s, and Mr Len Murray, former general secretary of the TUC, are made life peers in the new year honours list published today.

Mr Chapple, a former Communist, who served as general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union for 17 years, fought a running battle with the left throughout his career during which he sat on the general council of the TUC for 12 years, as chairman in 1982-83, and on the national executive of the Labour Party for six years.

Mr Murray stood down as general secretary at the annual congress of the TUC in September having held the post since 1973, when he took over from Victor (later Lord) Feather.

They are among four life peers named in today's list. The others are Dame Mary Warnock, senior research fellow at St Hugh's College, Oxford, chairman of the recent committee of inquiry into human fertilization, and Mr Nigel Vinson, an industrialist, who is chairman of the Development Commission, which encourages the growth of rural industries.

Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 Committee throughout Mrs Thatcher's leadership until his unexpected defeat last month, becomes a KBE. Three other Conservative members are knighted, Mr Paul Dean, MP for Woodspring, Mr Fergus Montgomery, MP for Altrincham and Sale and a former parliamentary private secretary to Mrs Thatcher when in Opposition and Mr Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey East, one of the most regular backbench critics of the Government's economic policy.

Two senior Conservatives, Sir Frederic Bennett, MP for Torbay, and Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Castle Point, and Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal peers, are made Privy Counsellors.

In line with recent practice neither Mr Neil Kinnock nor Dr David Owen made recommendations for awards; five names put forward by Mr David Steel are honoured.

The sporting honours include OBEs for Keith Fletcher, the former England cricket captain and captain of Essex since 1974, Roger Self, coach to the British Olympic hockey team in Los Angeles, and Alex Ferguson, manager of Aberdeen football club.

Kenny Dalgish, who has won 84 soccer caps for Scotland and scored more than 100 goals for both Celtic and Liverpool, and

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Tessa Sanderson, the javelin thrower, who won the Olympic gold medal both become MBEs.

The industrial awards include knighthoods for Mr Gordon Brunton, managing director and chief executive of the International Thomson Organisation, Mr Kenneth Durham, chairman of Unilever, Mr Robert Haslam, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, Mr Christopher Hogg, chairman of Courtaulds and Mr Peter Reynolds, chairman of Ranks Hovis McDougall.

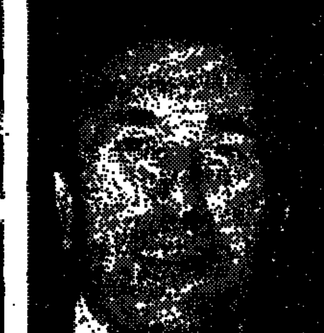
There is an OBE for Mr Ralph Ford, North Yorkshire's chief fire officer, whose decision to collapse the roof of the south transept of York Minster during the fire there was regarded as contributing to saving it.

Four miners receive British Empire Medals, two of them from working pits.

● One of the miners, Mr Ron Book, aged 52, of Redwood Drive, Maltby, South Yorkshire, said he was staggered when he was informed that he was to receive the British Empire Medal. "Normally it is your employer who puts you forward for this. But I have been on strike 10 months which makes it awkward to find out how, why and when."



Mr Murray: Stood down in September.



Mr Chapple: Battle with the left.

Back to work drive by NCB

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The National Coal Board today started in earnest a new year campaign to urge miners to give up their 10-month stoppage.

Full-page advertisements were taken in the popular press tempting strikers back to work with the prospect of up to £1,000 tax-free earnings in the first month.

Under the heading, "Here's somthing for every miner to think about in the new year", the board presents its last offer as the best-ever to industrial workers. It also reminds them that they have not had an opportunity to vote on it.

"It is time for each miner to make up his own mind", the advertisements say. Pitman should return to work to protect their jobs and ensure a future for the industry, they add.

Strikers are asked to contact their managers for information about transport to the pits when they start opening

Pitmen are reminded that the board is prepared to backdate the 5.2 per cent pay rise rejected by miners' leaders last spring. The board repeats that there will be no compulsory redundancy and that severance pay for those who choose to leave the industry is "the highest on offer" in British industry. The offer was "fair and reasonable".

The advertisement ends by saying: "Tomorrow it will be the new year, let's make it a good one together."

About 100 out of 1,700 strikers at Kellingley colliery, Yorkshire's biggest pit, have replied to a letter from their pit delegate asking them whether they would vote to support the strike if they had a ballot.

Mr Howard Wadsworth, the union official, said that the response may mean that the members are "very happy" with the strike. Management is thought unlikely to attach much signifiance to the initiative because of the low response to the letters. At present 128 pitmen are working at the colliery.



Princess Anne and the Princess of Wales talking with the Rt Rev. Maurice Wood, Bishop of Norwich, after attending morning service with the Royal Family in Sandringham Church. With them is Peter Phillips.

Purge of teachers threatened

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, is expected to give a warning this week that incompetent teachers may have to be purged by law. That may mean the introduction of legislation for vetting teachers if councils ad teachers' unions fail to agree their own system of appraising classroom performance Page 3

Gulf air raids

Iran claimed that 14 people were killed and 100 injured in Iraqi air raids on towns near the Gulf war front and accused Iraq of breaking agreements not to hit civilian centres.

PLO warfare

The murder in Amman of Mr Fahd Kawasme, a PLO leader, is likely to set off a new round of warfare within the organization Page 6

Baby 'stable'

The condition of eight-month-old Catherine McTiernan, Britain's youngest liver transplant patient, was said to be stable at Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge.

Kinnock ignored

Left-wing hardliners rejected Mr Neil Kinnock's appeal for Labour self-discipline, threatening a continuation of the internal conflict which is blamed for the party's low ratings Page 2

Pound outlook

The pound should recover to about $1.27 and interest rates stay broadly unchanged in 1985, according to a survey of leading stockbrokers Page 15

Shultz purge

"Moderates" are replacing US State Department officials purged by Mr George Shultz in his campaign to dominate US foreign policy Page 6

Budd victory

Zola Budd won a Zurich road race, her first outing since the Olympics, but said she did not know where she would run next Page 19

Euphoric Gandhi drops hint of solution in Punjab

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Revelling in his election triumph yesterday, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, addressed an adoring throng from a saffron green and white dais close to his mother's home in the heart of New Delhi.

Wearing a quilted jacket against the December chill, though it may well also have concealed the bulk of a bullet-proof jacket, Mr Gandhi did not have a great deal to promise his audience, though in his euphoria he allowed himself to say that "we can show to the world that our country is second to none in progress and prosperity."

He has, however, indicated that his first priority is the reconstruction of his Council of Ministers.

Six ministers lost their seats in the Andhra Pradesh Deballe, including Mr P Shiv Shankar, the Shipping Minister who fought Mrs Gandhi's old seat in Medak.

It is thought possible that Mr Gandhi will be quite rigorous in cutting away a lot of the dead wood that had been allowed to accumulate.

He has also said his primary task is to settle the Punjab dispute, Sikh agitation for territorial and religious concessions led to the terrorist campaign whih eventually cost Mrs Gandhi her life.

He indicated that he has a solution in mind. "We have some plan to find a solution, but it would not be prudent for me to announce it now," he said.

The real scale of Mr Gandhi's victory became apparent over the weekend. His astounding landslide totally wiped out the opposition parties in the major states of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, as well as the more minor ones of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and the union territory of Delhi.

STATE OF THE PARTIES

Seats held by the parties with six results outstanding:

Congress (I)	395
Telegu Desam	28
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	22
All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	12
Janata	10
Communist Party of India	6
Congress (Socialist)	4
National Conference (Farooq)	3
Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party	3
Bharatiya Janata Party	2
Congress (J)	1
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	1
Other Parties, Independents	15

In the biggest state, Uttar Pradesh, his Congress (I) Party won 82 of the 84 seats contested. In Orissa the opposition only managed one seat.

With all but six results declared Congress had won 78 per cent of the seats, a feat unparallelled in India since independence. The best his grandfather, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, could do was 75 per cent of the seats in 1957. His mother only ever managed two-thirds.

It was not all smooth sailing. The result in Andhra Pradesh, where Congress won only six seats (it won 41 in 1980) showed that the poeple of the state had not forgiven the central Government for dismissal of Mr N. T. Rama Rao, the ageing film-star Chief Minister. Even more unforgiving were the people of the Kashmir Valley, where all three seats went to supporters of Dr Farooq Abdullah, dismissed by Mrs Gandhi's governor earlier in the year. Begum Akbar Jehan Abdullah, Dr Abdullah's mother, won one of them.

Congress failed to make any dent in the Communist-ruled state of Tripura, which duly returned two Communist Party of Inda (Marxist) members, though with reduced majorities. The Communists lost ground in West Bengal, yielding 12 seats to Congress, though remaining far the largest party.

Mr Gandhi's victory was particularly sweet in his own constituency of Amethi in Uttar Pradesh, where he had been threatened by his estranged sister-in-law, Mrs Menaka Gandhi.

He finished more than 300,000 votes ahead of her 35,000. Mrs Menaka Gandhi's party has been one of the major casualties of the election, failing to get a single member returned to Parliament.

Historic victory, page 5
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Britain agrees to hold North Sea oil prices

Britain has made an informal agreement with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that it will make no change to its North Sea oil pricing policy for at least a month to give the new pricing agreement hammered out by Opec over the weekend in Geneva a chance to work.

Opec hopes that its Geneva agreement, which leaves marker prices unchanged at $29 a barrel but narrows the gap between cheaper heavier crudes and expensive light crudes, will stabilize the oil market.

Opec accord, page 15

Thatcher links spending curbs to tax cuts

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Government's determination to stick to the strictest control of public spending and borrowing to cut the burden of income tax was underlined by the Prime Minister last night.

In a new year message to Conservative Party workers, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said that the Government should not dig its hands too deep into people's pay packets.

She said in the party paper, *Newsline*: "If we are to reduce the burden of income tax, and I am determined that we shall, then we must show equal determination in our control of public spending."

Mrs Thatcher also said: "In 1985, when for so many people the main concern will be employment, let all of us accept our responsibilities to help create more jobs."

She said that the Government would continue to control public spending and continue to boost training and help the long-term unemployed with the community enterprise programme.

But she also issued a warning that management and workers together had responsibility to provide the quality of goods and services that customers demanded, at a price they could afford, and that pay rises had to be geared to productivity "so that we price into, and not out of, markets." Jobs hope, page 2

Sri Lankan army's reign of terror holds Tamils in thrall

From Trevor Fishlock, Jaffna

Sri Lankan forces are conducting a harsh and remorseless campaign of intimidation among the island's Tamil minority. By means of random murder, indiscriminate shooting, beatings, torture and plunder, ill-disciplined and trigger-happy soldiers keep the Tamils in the north in a state of constant fear.

With the vanishing of reason the fight against Tamil separatist terrorists now has the shrill tones of naked ethnic struggle. The predominantly Sinhalese Army seems to have a free hand as it cracks down on the civilian population in the overwhelmingly Tamil Northern Province.

Military restrictions, and the army's savage response to Tamil terrorism, have almost shut down the economy of this region. At least 25,000 fishermen are prohibited from fishing, the sea having been declared out of bounds, and there is growing anxiety in fishing communities, and among civic leaders, that unless food is brought into areas already chronically short of supplies, people will begin to starve.

Women have been selling their necklaces and bangles to buy food, but few dealers now have any money left to buy their jewelry, even at low prices.

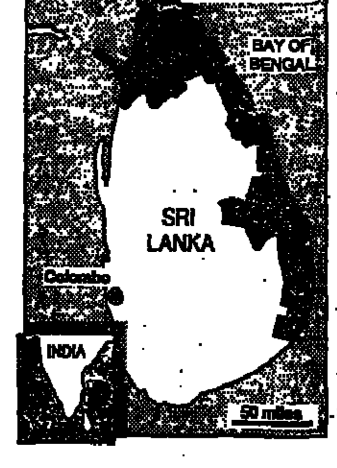
Many thousands of people, mostly women and children, have fled to India and to Europe. Thousands of youths have been rounded up and held in Army camps. Their parents do not know where they are: they have become Sir Lanka's disappeared ones. There is strong evidence of beating, torture and murder of young men in Army custody.

Rigid curfew and a plethora of complex regulations and permits have reduced transport to overworked skeleton services. People find it hard to get to work and to transport food and raw materials. The army has it grip on the jagular of commerce. Factories are closing, trade in most shops has dwindled away. It is becoming imposible to freight goods to and from Colombo by road.

People are dying because they cannot be taken to hospital in the 6pm to 5am curfew. Jaffna Hospital is running out of vital drugs, oxygen and anaesthetics.

Meanwhile thousands of displaced people, driven from their homes in army "combing out" operations, are in refugee camps.

There is no longer any proper law enforcement. There are no policemen to be seen on the streets of Jaffna, chief city of the north. They dare not go out on patrol. They stay in their sandbagged police posts. Troops move only in large armoured convoys. The army's rampages, massacres and brutality have swing even moderate Tamil opinion against the authorities. The army and police are despised.



Father Michael Samy, Vicar-General of Jaffna, said "This is a reign of terror."

The Bishop of Jaffna said: "People live in fright and despair. They feel helpless. There is no equality or democracy left here any more. Tamils are being treated as second class citizens."

A young clerk, typical of a number of people interviewed, said: "Everyone here is afraid. You know that the army has killed people for no reason and has shot them down on the streets. Those who can afford it are getting out of Sri Lanka. If I had the money I would go, too. Those who will be left will be the old, the poor and the very young."

The north is now in a state of chaos and high nervous tension. The civil power's hold on the situation is not strong. Hundreds of guerrillas, estimates range from 1,000 to 5,000 or more, are committed to fighting for *Eelam*, a separate Tamil state in the north and east. Split into several main factions, they run a terror campaign against the authorities, mining roads, blowing up police stations, robbing banks, murdering and kidnapping policemen.

The army hits back with massive round-ups and interrogation of youths. Troops have been looting and burning houses. Many women have complained of being robbed of jewellery. A civil servant said: "To the army every Tamil is now a terrorist."

It is part of the Sri Lankan tragedy that the Government has come to define the long-smouldering Tamil question as simply one of terrorist eradication. Sinhalese antipathy to Tamils, rooted in ancient fears of conquest, has been stirred up. With emotions running high the conflict has its strong element of propaganda and disinformation.

The Government's case is that it is acting firmly against a terrorist threat to the country's integrity.

But the Tamils, who form a fifth of the 15 million population, believe that the army is being used to subjugate them, to settle historic scores.

Prime Minister makes a resolution to break Scargill's power in NUM

By Anthony Bevins, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister has resolved to break Mr Arthur Scargill's power over the National Union of Mineworkers. In a new year interview for the British Forces network, she says: "One thing that is going to come out of the miners' strike is a tremendous leadership on the part of the many moderates – the working miner.

"When this strike is over, we have to get together with the moderate responsible leaders and see if we can try to prevent this thing from ever happening again."

Mrs Thatcher says that the dispute had dominated her year, and the picket line violence had disturbed her more than anything else.

"I never expected to see some of the scenes of violence which we have outside collieries with members of a union throwing stones and bolts and other things at other members of the same union, who only wanted to go to work. We never thought to see that in Britain, it is totally alien to the British character."

The Prime Minister did not mention Mr Scargill by name during the interview, but senior Cabinet colleagues showed little reluctance to identify the Government's target for the new year.

In a radio interview Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, accused Mr Scargill of obduracy and arrogance and Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, returned to the attack for the second day in succession when he said that Mr Scargill had told a lie.

Interviewed on BBC radio's *World This Weekend*, Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill had boosted that he had not budged an inch during the dispute, and he therefore failed to see how constructive talks coudl take place.

He said: "This is an arrogance on the part of the Scargill element in the NUM; they assume that the Government or the coal board or anyone else will come running to them, and that's against the background that something like one third of the members of the National Union of Mineworkers are coal miners at work.

"It's against the background that a very large number of trade unionists in this country are shifting stocks of coal and are arranging for that coal to be burnt and for oil to be burnt at power stations and for coal to be imported from overseas.

"That's the background. It's not the background against which we are now going to go along cap in hand to Mr Scargill."

Mr Walker said in his Worcester constituency: "Yesterday, confronted on television with the total exposure of his repeated false predictions on coal stocks and power cuts, Mr Scargill endeavoured to evade the subject by telling a total lie.

"He said that having predicted the strike would end in the spring, I had previously predicted the strike would end in September and then at Christmas. Yet again Mr Scargill has uttered words without a fragment of truth in them.

"I have never privately or publicly made a prediction when the strike would end."

Mr Walker said that the strike was without industrial justification, that the miners had been manipulated out of their right to ballot, that union funds had been used to finance mob picketing, that the strike leaders had failed to deplore violence and intimidation and that they had sought finance in the Soviet Union and in Libya.

"It has always been impossible to predict how long such men and such methods could use the miners' traditional loyalty to their union and their community to achieve their purposes and how long the fear and violence would prevail.

"Let every miner consider in the quietness of his home the National Coal Board's offer, the best offer since nationalization, and ask himself whether the Scargill strike should be allowed to continue to damage his union, his industry and his future."

Mr Walker predicted on Saturday that the present level of coal production would ensure that there would be no power cuts for the whole of 1985.

Thatcher's new year jobs hope

By our Political Correspondent

Full employment is the Prime Minister's greatest hope for the future and one of her wishes for the new year is that more jobs should be found for the young unemployed.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher says in the Servicemen's new year interview: "There are now a million more in the population of working age than there were six years age.

"That means you have to work very hard to stand still on unemployment. Now last year we created about a quarter of a million jobs. Not enough. It is encouraging, but not enough.

"And so you ask me what is my greatest hope for the coming years: it is that we can increase the growth but increase it in such a way that we employ our people".

However, the "new technological surge" meant that the country's needs could be produced with fewer people and that meant that more people would be employed in the service industries.

"You say we make a living by taking one another's laundry; these days it is not so simple as that", Mrs Thatcher added. She said: "Leisure, pleasure, entertainment, culture, travel, tourism, insurance are big business". They employed far more people than the manufacturing industries.

"And so we have to look not only at our solid manufacturing base and to extend that, but we also have to look to the great areas that I have indicated because that is where the really large number of jobs reside."

In his new year message yesterday, Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberals, said that Mrs Thatcher's new year resolution should be to throw away the monetarist rulebook and start investing in Britain's future.

"The plight of those who were out of work 12 months ago and who still have not found jobs should be in our minds at this time. Let us use 1985 to end the years of inaction and to inaugurate a new era of cooperation between government and industry, working together to rebuild our national economy and create new employment", he said.

The Prime Minister also said during the interview that she believed that disarmament talks would avert a star wars build-up in space weaponry, which could destroy nuclear warheads before they reached their target.

She said: "To go from one successful research experiment, as the Americans have done, to translating that into weapons would be enormously expensive. It would take 20 or 30 years. "If the West does that, then the Soviet Union would be bound to have to spend similar amounts of money on doing the same.

"Until at the end we would both end up with a similar balance at a higher technological level and a very much higher level of expenditure. It doesn't make sense." That argument carried weight both with the Western democracies and with the Warsaw Pact countries, technologically and in terms of common sense and economics and for that reason disarmament talks had a much stronger chance of success.

Woman dies in 200ft pothole fall

A woman from Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, yesterday fell about 200ft to her death into Eldon Hole, in Peak Forest, near Buxton, Derbyshire. Her husband, who was walking with her, was treated for shock.

A spokesman for Derbyshire cave rescue team from Buxton said: "The pothole measures about 60ft by 20ft at the surface and is about 200ft deep. There is a protective fence all round the hole with a gate".

It took two members of the rescue team and a doctor almost three hours to recover the body and bring it to the surface.

Eldon Hole, which has an underground chamber and several passages, has been described as "one of the seven wonders of the Peak".

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 160

Need for extra overtime inefficient, TUC says

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Companies which cut manpower at the start of the recession are now being forced to introduce costly and inefficient overtime, the TUC says.

More employees are having to work overtime and hours are longer, according to the TUC's latest working time progress report.

It points out that, according to official figures, average overtime for those working it increased from 9.3 hours to 9.6 hours in the year to last April. More than half of all male manual workers undertook regular overtime compared with just under half for the previous year.

The labour movement argues that much of that extra working time is a result of reductions in manpower which was a "very narrow and short-sighted policy even on economic grounds: skilled teams once broken up are very difficult to replace". That management strategy had led to high-cost overtime, the TUC says.

WORKING CONDITIONS IN EUROPE

	Belgium	France	W Germany	Italy	Netherlands	UK
Working week (hours)						
– by law	40	39	48	48	48	–
– by collective agreement	36-40	35-39	38½-40	36-40	38-40	37-40
Annual holidays (weeks)						
– by law	4	5	3	–	3	–
– by collective agreement	4-5	5-6	4-6	4-6	4-5	4-5
Retirement age						
– men	65	60	65	65	65	65
– women	60	60	60	60	65	60

Source: TUC

Ringing in the New: Ernie Wise, the comedian, in Dickensian mood, at St Katharine's Dock, London, yesterday, where he introduced the Vodafone, described by its makers as the first British mobile and portable telephone service.

Yard mount Trafalgar operation

By Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard is putting into operation plans in central London tonight for the traditional New Year celebrations in Trafalgar Square, to prevent crowd problems or serious injury.

New arrangements were introduced last year after two women were trampled and 500 injured in 1983, as crowds tried to converge on one exit from the square at the end of celebrations. After the incident, the police reviewed their plans and the amended operation will be repeated today.

Electronic boards will flash messages to the crowds telling them of exit arrangements, travel facilities and crime prevention. The fountains have been drained and boarded, while other street furniture, such as pillar boxes, will be searched then sealed.

The King Charles Island in the square will be turned into a first aid reception area for casualties, and ambulances will run down Whitehall to hospitals near by.

Extra trains and buses are being run this year and travel on London Transport buses and the Underground will be free from 11pm tonight.

Random breath tests urged

Random breath tests were urged yesterday after the "failure" of the Government's campaign against drink and driving over Christmas. Mr Peter Bruinbels, Conservative MP for Leicester East, has tabled Commons questions demanding a full report from ministers on the effect of what he described as the misguided "stay-low" campaign.

Several police forces have reported more rather than fewer offences over Christmas.

Family found unconscious

Mr Raymond Stevens, his wife, Doreen, and her daughter, Michelle Minhinnick, aged 17, were in intensive care last night after they were discovered unconscious at their flat in East Molesey, Surrey. Their pet Yorkshire terrier was lying dead nearby.

The alarm was raised by a local estate agent after Michelle did not arrive for her Saturday job. A spokesman at Kingston Hospital described the family's condition as fair.

Neighbours said that a gas fire had been left full on inside the flat and all the windows were closed.

Little scope for tax cuts, Lawson says

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The scope for tax cuts in the spring was limited, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday, in a clear attempt to damp down expectations of big giveaways in the Budget, scheduled for March 19.

In an oblique retort to stories that he might have scope for £3 billion of tax cuts, after sterling's further fall against the dollar and the resulting increase in oil revenues from the North Sea, Mr Lawson, in an article in the *Sunday Times*, said: "I wish I was as confident as the press appear to be that I will have even half the scope for tax cuts that they write about."

However, the Chancellor confirmed that he was aiming for "both tax reform and tax reduction" to make his 1985 proposals a "budget for jobs". He attempted to refute the argument, advanced by many of his own backbenchers, that money spent on puboic works had more impact on employment than tax cuts.

Mr Lawson argued that public investment was now highly capital-intensive and that tax cuts stimulated enterprise and encouraged lower pay settlements, which he described as "the most direct way to more jobs."

The Treasury will soon publish a paper demonstrating its view of the link between pay and employment.

The Chancellor will not have a final view of the scope for tax cuts within his financial strategy until the Treasury has produced its spring macro-economic forecast in February.

However, Treasury ministers will be meeting for their traditional weekend seminar on the Budget at the end of this week.

PCs die in car chase crash

Senior police officers last night launched a review of the use of plainclothes officers after two constables were killed when their unmarked car hit a tree during a high speed chase.

Police Constable Peter Deans, aged 25, and Police Constable Jonathan Stapley, aged 27, had gone to question a driver sitting in his parked car. But before they could identify themselves he sped away. It is feared that the motorist mistook the plainclothes officers for robbers, and drove off because he feared for his safety. The chase began in the Hotwells area of Bristol early on Saturday.

A police spokesman said: "Driving conditions were hazardous with a hard frost and the officers' car failed to negotiate a turn". The man they chased was identified and has been cleared of any blame.

PC Stapley (left) and PC Deans: Killed during high-speed chase.

Companies support NCB but demand stiffer competition

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's company directors today gave a resounding vote of confidence to the National Coal Board's ability to win the pit dispute while at the same time calling for the industry to be exposed to greater competition from other energy sources.

The latest business opinion survey by the Institute of Directors, covering 200 members, mostly chairmen or managing directors, shows that 77 per cent are in favour of reinvestment in the coal industry when the strike is over.

The survey indicates growing optimism about the country's economic prospects despite the miners' dispute. One in seven directors report that their business has been affected by the dispute compared to one in six three months ago.

The report points to the first signs since April of a rise in business confidence. Twenty-seven per cent of respondents are less optimistic about economic prospects than they were six months earlier compared with a low of 42 per cent of directors last October.

Mr Graham Mather, head of the institute's policy unit, said: "The results suggest that the collapse of confidence during the second half of 1984 has halted, but it is too early to say that positive optimism about Britain's economic prospects is increasing."

Asked specifically about the aftermath of the miners' strike, 64 per cent of directors said they were in favour of stepping up the nuclear programme, 61 per cent wanted open-cast coal production expanded, and 61 per cent said the electricity board should reconsider its commitment to buy 80 per cent of its coal from the coal board.

Mr Mather said: "These responses show a clear two-to-one vote in favour of radical measures to expose the NCB to greater competition from energy sources other than deep-mined coal. But there was very strong support, 77 per cent in favour, for reinvestment in the coal industry once the strike is over."

The directors take a hard line over picketing and police powers. Most think that the limit of six pickets for entrance should be enshrined in law and almost 50 per cent believe that the police should have more power to prohibit static demonstrations and mass pickets.

Despite the confident tone of the report, Mr Mather emphasized that increased optimism had faded from levels of 60 per cent and 65 per cent of directors, 12 months ago to its present level of 25 per cent and companies were reporting volume and profit trends for the past six months of the year which were sluggish compared with a year earlier.

Under two thirds are reporting that business volume is up compared with 71 per cent a year ago, while 50 per cent report an increased trend in profits, against 55 per cent.

Almost a third of directors said the chief concern was insufficient customer demand. Mr Mather said: "This appears to lend support to the Chancellor's preference for a tax-cutting Budget in 1985 to improve the spending power of customers.".

Pits produce a third of their normal output

By our Labour Reporter

At the end of the working year the collieries were producing about a third of their normal output, according to the National Coal Board.

But in the week ended December 15 production was 638,000 tonnes – more than 120,000 tonnes up on the previous highest output achieved since the strike began last March.

Out of 174 pits, 67 were producing coal and at a further 81 members of the National Union of Mineworkers were reporting for duty. At 26 collieries there were no NUM members at work and 21 of these were in South Wales.

According to the board more than 69,000 pitmen out of 189,000 were not on strike at the end of the year, about 17,000 strikers having returned in November after negotiations broke down. Mr Scargill, president of the NUM, calculates that about 144,000 of his members are still out.

The board's attention is now firmly fixed on the new year. About 159 pits are due to open on Wednesday

Left rejects Kinnock appeal

By our Political Correspondent

Left-wing hardliners last night rejected Mr Neil Kinnock's new year appeal for Labour self-discipline, threatening a continuation of the internal conflict which is blamed for the party's low poll ratings.

The Labour leader's message to his party, to be published in *Labour Weekly* on Wednesday, emphasizes that nothing must be allowed to distract attention from the central purpose of fighting the Conservatives.

But leading left-wingers last night dismissed Mr Kinnock's message as a futile attempt to unite the party round a centre-right coalition, and many MPs remain pessimistic about Mr Kinnock's ability to control the small but powerful army of constituency activists.

Mr Martin Flannery, left-wing MP for Sheffield Hillsborough, said last night that Mr Kinnock and his new-found right-wing allies were "rocking the boat". He said that the message was a gratuitous insult and added: "Mr Kinnock is steadily antagonizing our finest workers throughout all the constituencies in the Labour Party".

For the moment, however, there is little prospect of a leadership challenge.

Mr Tony Benn would require a stronger groundswell of support and a more concerted campaign, which might begin to emerge if the miners' strike ends in a crushing defeat for the National Union of Mineworkers' leadership.

Mr Dennis Skinner, another strong voice on the left, would not stand as a token candidate and those who know him suspect that the socialist purity of his manifesto would be enough to scare off all but the smallest handful of nominating MPs.

The publicity attracted by Mr Kinnock's appeal for unity will inevitably smother his new year message to the country, published last night, in which he recalled that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had promised that 1984 was to have been "a year of hope and a year of liberty".

Mr Kinnock said that the Government had pursued policies which had multiplied misery and diminished freedom.

"That is why people of all politics and no politics have a common interest in rejecting those policies, and in making common cause for the constructive alternative."

Clergy in church uproar may speak in the US

The two Ulster clergymen, a Presbyterian minister and a Roman Catholic priest, whose Christmas Day exchange of greetings led to scuffles inside and outside a co Londonderry church, have been invited to be the joint guests of honour at the next St Patrick's Day parade in Boston, Massachusetts.

Protesters from the Rev Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterian Church were ejected by worshippers from the Rev David Armstrong's church at Limavady when they rose to heckle the local Catholic parish priest, Father Kevin Murphy.

It was the second year that the two men had attended each other's Christmas services in the largely Protestant town. Father Murphy disclosed yesterday that the committee organizing the St Patrick's Day parade in Boston, next March, had invited them to take part and to undertake speaking arrangements in and around the city.

Players late for chess tournament

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Much of the play in the first round of the grandmaster tournament at Hastings yesterday had to be postponed because four grandmasters failed to arrive.

The delay in the arrival of the two Soviet grandmasters, Sveshnikov and Kupreichik, was due to a muddle on the part of the Home Office which failed to grant them visas in time. The games between the two Russians will be played on the first rest day.

The delayed arrival of the Yugoslavs Djuric and Abramovic, however, is a mystery. They will also play their postponed game on the first rest day.

Home players did well in round one, as Len Flear beat the Hungarian grandmaster Farago and William Watson beat the Israeli grandmaster Gutman.

The home competitors in the tournament are not as strong as usual as none of the English grandmasters accepted invitations to play on the ground, it seems, that they were offered insufficient appearance money.

This is a rather ironical and cruel state of affairs, as a number of the grandmasters concerned had gained the title through playing in the Hastings event. However, the organizers do not dispose of sufficient funds to enable them to offer appropriate appearance fees.

A trust is to be set up to provide sufficient money to fill the gap.

Results in round [illegible]

Mail ought to have printed steward's reply

After reporting on a brewery industrial dispute and apparently relying for its facts wholly on the management, the *Daily Mail* should have been prepared to publish a statement or letter from the other side, the Press Council said today.

The council upheld a complaint by Mr Peter Montgomery, of Meyrick Avenue, Luton, formerly a shop steward at the Whitbread brewery in Luton.

Mr Montgomery wrote to the editor and asked for the letter to be printed as a reply to the company statements.

Six days later the *Daily Mail* printed a reader's letter congratulating the brewers on closing the plant. Mr Montgomery wrote again to the editor. Hearing nothing, he complained to the Press Council that having published an account, based solely on management statements. The newspaper failed to allow him to reply on behalf of the workforce.

The least loved coin

Halfpenny to disappear after 704 years

By Robin Young

The halfpenny finally gets the shove tomorrow when it ceases to be legal tender. Britain's smallest and least loved coin, notorious for getting lost in pocket corners and furniture upholstery, goes the way of the farthing and the groat, relatively unlamented.

In the form it had taken since decimalization in 1971 the halfpenny, or half p, was among the smallest coins issued in Britain since the Dark Ages. It weighed a mere 1.782 grams and had a diameter of only 1.714 centimetres, yet before production ceased in March its cost of production exceeded its value.

People were commonly said not to bother to bend down in the street to pick it up if they dropped one, and even its defenders admitted that they found it more useful for refuelling lighters, replacing batteries, balancing pendulum clocks or marking croquet lawns than for spending.

People did not take to calling it the "tiddler", as was suggested when the coin was introduced. Yet the runt of our currency litter proliferated with amazing fecundity for something that was delcared stillborn when banks roundly refused even to acknowledge its existence on cheques.

Despite the common supposition that it had only been issued at all as a sop to public opinion when decimalization was giving the inflation spiral an extra twist, the Royal Mint turned out an average of 120 million little coins a year, and there are supposed to be about 2,500 milion of them lurking somewhere now. Perhaps half of them have gone down drains or people's trouser linings.

The miseable half p was last in a long line of halfpennies, which started when Edward I issued pretty silver ones in 1280. The coin became copper under Charles II, and bronze from 1860. Since no pennies were issued from the days of Charles I until George III's reign, halfpennies became the generic term for copper and bronze coinage.

A halfpenny would buy four pounds of flour in 1324, a dozen eggs in 1400, two mutton chops in 1637, two cigarettes and some matches in 1904, and allegedly nothing at all in 1984, when even the post office had rounded up its rates to full pennies well in advance of the diminutive coin's demise.

The half p will be missed, though perhaps not sorely, at supermarket checkouts where it regularly made a token appearance in small change. The supermarket chains retained their affection for the coin because they claimed it allowed them to hone their competitive edge to the finest degree. Now, however, all are promising to round prices down rather than up, so customers may perhaps benefit more by the coin's disappearance than they ever did by its continuance.

Though it started life as the equivalent of 1.2d, with a value 4.8 times that of the old farthing, the halfpenny is, at its extinction, worth less in real terms than the farthing ever was before it was abolished in 1960.

The unmanageably undersized new coin was never an appropriate one for the old game of shove-halfpenny which was, in any case, a latter-day replacement for the original pastime of "slidethrift" or "shovegroat".

Possibly some hoarder may make a fortune out of halfpennies in future, selling them as buttons, trinkets or washers, but relatively few are expected to find their way back to the banks. The principal beneficiaries of their withdrawal to date have been charities, which have been collecting assiduously.

The National and Provincial Building Society has gathered a cumbersome £64,000 in the form of almost 13 million halfpennies since March, and the Cancer Research Campaign collected another million. That still leaves a lot down the backs of the nation's chairs.

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Joseph expected to signal legislation on removal of incompetent teachers

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is expected to say this week that incompetent teachers may have to be purged from schools by law.

In a policy speech to the North of England Education Conference at Chester on Friday, he will be emphasizing the Government's commitment to improving education standards.

That could mean the introduction of legislation to enable the country's 440,000 teachers to be assessed, if local authorities and teachers' unions fail to agree on their own system of appraising a teacher's classroom performance.

Sir Keith has said on many occasions that he is in favour of local authorities weeding out bad teachers. He hoped that local authorities and unions would agree a system of performance-linked pay increases and a tougher system of teacher probation, in the talks of the Salary Structure Working Party.

But the working party broke up in early December when the largest union, the National Union of Teachers, pulled out of the talks. In the wake of the breakdown, Sir Keith's keynote speech on Friday is regarded as a reminder to the unions and authorities of the Government's determination to seek improvements in the classroom.

The most controversial of the Government's proposals is that of linking pay increments to performance, and the introduction of legislation making compulsory continuous reappraisal of a teacher's performance. That would mean that the worst teachers would be penalized by not receiving pay increments, or would be forced out of their jobs, while the best received an annual bonus of £1,000.

If the Remuneration of Teachers Act 1965, is amended the new contract could be introduced as early as 1986.

Last night the techers' unions strongly condemned Sir Keith's proposals.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said: "We are totally opposed to teachers' pay being linked to a system of national assessment, it would be extremely divisive in schools.

"It is only a very small minority of teachers who could be regarded as incompetent. This is taking a massive sledgehammer to crack a very tiny nut".

Mr Fred Smithers, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which has 127,000 members, said that he thought Sir Keith was making a "major mistake".

"His priority ought to be to study how to provide motivation for the majority of good teachers, who are losing enthusiasm for their job because they are massively underpaid".

Despair banished as work on minster gathers pace

From Peter Davenport
York

Beneath a temporary plastic roof and hidden from the view of tourists and worshippers alike by wooden screening, the complex restoration programme in the fire-damaged south transept of York Minster is now well under way.

Six months after flames swept through the thirteenth-century transept, blackening the stonework and reducing the elaborate vaulted ceiling to a mass of charred timbers littering the cathedral floor, repair work is taking place 12 hours a day, six days a week.

It will take five years to complete the full programme of restoration and estimates of the eventual cost range between £3 million and £5 million, but the exact figure will not be known until all plans have been finalized.

But the sense of despair, which was the first reaction among minster staff to the devastation on July 9, has given way to a confident determination that the transept can be restored to its former glory and, perhaps, even improved.

Mr Bob Littlewood is the minister superintendent of works, in charge of the permanent workforce of 53 skilled craftsmen who will undertake the repair programme. He has held the position for 13 years, although he has devoted 40 years of his life to the cathedral, following a family tradition that has seen his grandfather, father, mother, an uncle and now his son on the staff.

In his office, with its leaded windows offering a fine view of the minster, Mr Littlewood presides over an ever-growing mass of plans and paperwork, detailing every facet of the repair work. "I was the first person here, after the firemen on that night, and I remember clearly a feeling of disbelief at what was happening. There was a time when I feared we were going to lose the whole building.

"There have been two other serious fires, in 1829 and 1840, and seeing this one was like seeing all those old sketches of previous incidents come to life.

"But since that night we have done an awful lot of work. There is still a tremendous job to do and we still have to keep up some of our routine maintenance work. But I am very optimistic that we can finish on schedule. There is a tremendous feeling among everyone on the workforce to get on with the job."

One of the factors regarded as contributing to saving the building was the decision to collapse the transept roof. That was taken by Mr Ralph Ford, the North Yorkshire chief fire officer, whose action is recalled with award of an OBE in the New Years Honours List.

Last month he accepted, on behalf of the brigade, the Cross of St William of York, presented by the Archibiship of York, John Habgood, Dr, at a service honouring fireman who fought the blaze.

After the initial clearing operation to remove fire debris, clean the stonework and generally ensure the building was safe, the first task was to erect a temporary roof over the structure to keep out the worst of the winter weather, and enable men to work in the dry.

Then several miles of scaffolding was erected inside the transept to provide support for the building and work platforms, all hidden from view behind wooden panelling that has created a series of tunnels in the Minster sealing off the damaged section from the main cathedral area.

The most expensive and time-consuming part of the restoration programme will be the creation of a new oak-vaulted ceiling. Yet it is this that has evoked the most remarkable response and offers of help.

Mr Littlewood has received more than 100 offers of oak trees for use in the ceiling, including donations from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, several large country estates, and even from suburban house-owners offering a solitary tree.

The wood will be used to create 68 carved wooden bosses, the largest weighing half a ton, which will link the cobweb of 200 oak ribs, the largest weighing more than a quarter of a ton and 24 feet in length. One problem taxing Mr Littlewood is how to recognize the generosity of those donors. They may end as part of the history of the Minster, their names or family crests carved into the finished oak beams.

Early in the new year, the dean and chapter are expected to give final approval to the design and structure of the permanent replacement roof for the transept, and work will start on that immediately. There will be a large crane on hand to lift heavy roof trusses into place, and mobile hoists to provide work platforms, but much of the stone and timber work will be done as it has been for centuries by hand.

"It's a great pity really that the public can't see just what goes into this restoration work. In this age some people think that all you have to do is switch on a machine and everything is turned out automatically.

"In reality, when it comes to carving an oak boss or dressing a new stone, then we use the techniques that have changed little over the centuries. It's all done by hand," Mr Littlewood said.

New Years honours, pages 4 and 5.





Minster montage: Behind the scaffolding workmen tackling the restoration of the south transept, among them Mr Trevor Cuttill, (top right), foreman stonemason, seen dressing stone for the gable. And in the New Year Honours an award for the fire officer who led the operation to save the building. Mr Ralph Ford (bottom right), shown with the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, accepting an earlier award.

Golf course murder charge

A man will appear before magistrates in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, today charged with the murder of Deidre Sainsbury, a Greenham Common peace campaigner, whose naked body was found on a golf course.

Thames Valley police have not named the man, aged about 30, who was detained on Saturday. He is from west London and is described as a company representative. The dead woman, who was aged 29, was the daughter of Dr Peter Sainsbury, a leading psychiatrist. The family lives at Bosham, near Chichester, West Sussex.

Her body was found in a copse near the sixteenth green of the golf course at Denham, Buckinghamshire. She was last seen alive on the afternoon of Saturday, December 22, when she visited Guy's Hospital, London.

'Hit men' in Cairo questioned by Yard

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Two Britons held in Cairo as would be assassins for the Gadaffi Regime have been questioned by Scotland Yard detectives about Libyan bombings in London.

A report on the interviews, which also cover arrangements for the flight of a Libyan from Briton while facing criminal charges, is being passed to officials of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that two members of the anti-terrorist squad visited Egypt before Christmas and saw Mr Anthony Gill, aged 48, and Mr Godfrey Shiner, aged 47. The men face charges in Cairo after Egyptian intelligence officials thwarted an attempt to assassinate a former Libyan prime minister two months ago.

The men were questioned by the British police about bombings in London last March which led to casualties.

The detectives were also interested in the disappearance of Mr Muhammad Shebli, said to be a brother-in-law of Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader. Mr Shebli is thought to have been flown out of Britain last January. Mr Shiner has been linked to the episode.

At the time of the flight Mr Shebli was on bail awaiting trial for charges involving £4,000 worth of cocaine after being arrested in Surrey.

Scotland Yard said that Britain does not have any extradition arrangements with Egypt. It denied reports that the two men had been interviewed about Libyan terrorist activities in London which included the death of woman police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot outside the Libyan "People's Bureau".

Funding tourism 'a cash bargain'

Investment in tourism in Britain was a bargain for the taxpayer, Mr Duncan Bluck, English Tourist Board chairman, said yesterday. He was launching a campaign to promote English holidays.

The average cost of creating a job by a grant to a tourist project was £4,500, compared with an average £5,500 a year to pay somebody unemployment benefit and £35,000 to create a manufacturing job under the Industry Act, Mr Bluck said.

More young male suicides

More young men, but fewer young girls are committing suicide, according to figures disclosed yesterday by the Samaritans. At the same time, the number of young people turning to the organization for help is rising.

Some complain of worry and depression over examinations, but the Samaritans regard that complaint as more usually a distress signal, indicating difficulties at home.

The increased suicide rate among young men under 20 is based on a study of statistics for England and Wales comparing three years, 1973-75, with 1981-83.

The total number of suicides among boys rose from 153 in the first three-year period, to 260 in the second. But the figure for girls dropped from 106 for 1973-75, to 84 for 1981-83.

Neither Mr David Evans, general secretary of the Samaritans, nor another senior samaritan, Mr Rex Cannon, could explain the differences. "It is always dangerous to hypothesize on reasons for such an increase among boys. One could pose all sorts of ideas including unemployment, without really knowing," Mr Cannon said.

This year the number of first-time callers to the Samaritans went up by nearly 10,000, from 319,000 the previous year to 328,000, and they included an increase in the number of young callers.

Two face charges over raid on duke's grave

Two men will appear at North Avon Magistrates' Court in Bristol today in connection with the attempt on Boxing Day to dig up the body of the tenth Duke of Beaufort.

Police officers said yesterday that the men, one from London and another from Coventry and both aged 21, had been charged with theft of a cross and criminal damage.

The duke was former Master of the Beauford Hunt. He died in February, aged 83.

His grave was desecrated in the family burial plot adjoining Badminton Parish Church, near the family home at Badminton House, Gloucestershire.

A hole was dug, wreaths were damaged and anti-hunt slogans were daubed on the church walls. A wooden cross was taken.

Hospitals in Scotland treat more patients

More people were treated in Scottish hospitals last year than ever before, the National Health Service in Scotland employed more staff and the infant morality rate was the lowest recorded.

Scottish Health Statistics, 1983, published today, show that the number of people treated as in-patients increased to almost 791,000, about 27,000 more than in 1982, when the health service experienced widespread industrial action. Consultant out-patient attendances reached 5.4 million also a record.

The infant mortality figure in 1983 was 9.9 per 1,000 live births. In the main centres of population the lowest rate was in Tayside Health Board area, at 6.3 per 1,000.

Derby organizer leaves £1.3m

Major Peter Merton Beckwith-Smith, of Bishopstone House, Salisbury, Wiltshire, who was in charge of running the Derby at Epsom for 20 years while clerk of the course, left estate valued at £1,300,868 net. He left his property mostly to relatives.

Major Beckwith-Smith was formerly clerk at Aintree responsible for running the Grand National. Other wills, page 14

Cheaper flights worldwide

A company which helped to pioneer cheap transatlantic holiday flights announced yesterday that it was moving into worldwide low-cost air travel.

Jetsave has made a deal with airlines flying to Australia, Singapore, India, New Zealand, Hong Kong, the Caribbean and South Africa. Fares range from £250 one way to Hong Kong, £770 return to Sydney and £452 return to Johannesburg.

Factory bonus

The 1,300 workers at the J C Bamford excavator factory at Rocester, Staffordshire, have been given a total of about £400,000 based on the company's performance.

Chapel dismissal

The Rev Kenneth Lintern, minister at the Welsh Independent Chapel in Welshpool Powys, for 11 years, has been dismissed after a secret ballot among chapel members.

Farewell to 1984

Mr Michael Foot, MP, yesterday after unveiling a plaque to George Orwell, author of *1984*, at 77 Parliament Hill, Hampstead, north London. The "Farewell 1984" event was the idea of Mr Gerald Isaaman (left), editor of the *Hampstead and Highgate Express*.

Orwell lived at the house for six months in 1935, when he wrote *Keep the Aspidistra Flying*. It was there also that he met his first wife Eileen O'Shaughnessy, whom he married the next year.

The black and gold plaque was erected by the Hampstead Plaque Fund. Among those who attended the unveiling ceremony was Mr Richard Blair, the adopted son of Orwell, whose real name was Eric Blair

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Police at sixes and eights

By Our Crime Reporter

Police Orders are the Bible of Scotland Yard. Published almost daily they detail everything from public order duties to promotions or new commands. They are never wrong.

Until last Friday. On that day Police Orders committed the sin of confusing a six for an eight. Lesser organs might make such errors but not Police Orders, distributed within the Metropolitan Police for the past 155 years.

So it was that Commander William Taylor, the youngest senior police officer in London, discovered that he had been moved to take command of C8, the Fraud Squad. That was interesting for Mr Taylor because he had expected to be moving to C6, the Flying Squad, where Commander Frank Cater is retiring.

Over the weekend telephones lines hummed. Was Mr Cater, expected to be joining a security firm, staying? Was Mr Taylor being moved unexpectedly?

Yesterday Scotland Yard put out a correction. Mr Taylor, aged 37, takes over the Flying Squad. The new head of the Fraud Squad has not been announced.

This morning investigations will begin. If it happens again, who knows, half of London's police might end up in the wrong place.

Privatize executive job register, directors say

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Professional and Executive Recruitment, the Government's job-finding agency for managers, is losing about £2 million a year and should be abolished in favour of private enterprise, according to the Institute of Directors.

In a report published today the institute says that the winding up of the agency should be a feature of the Government's job creation proposals expected early in the new year.

The agency, run under the auspices of the Manpower Services Commission, was set up 10 years ago to provide specialist services for out-of-work managerial, executive, professional, scientific and technical people. It employs 290 staff and has 34 offices.

The institute in a submission to Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Employment, says that funds saved by closure of the agency's commercial business and integration of its remaining activities within the MSC could be better spent on direct recruitment.

House burnt out

A thatched country house, owned by Lady Dashwood, at Guestling, near Rye, East Sussex, was destroyed when fire broke out in a chimney.

Lifestyle of teenage pupils to be studied

A profile of the teenager of 1985 is the main aim of the world's biggest study of child health to be launched next summer. It will involve 15,000 British schoolchildren, all of whom will be 15 in April.

The International Centre for Child Studies, based in Bristol, believes every secondary school will have at least one pupil involved in the survey. The children will be questioned about their lifestyle at home, in school and as they head for a job or unemployment.

The data will be analysed by child experts worldwide.

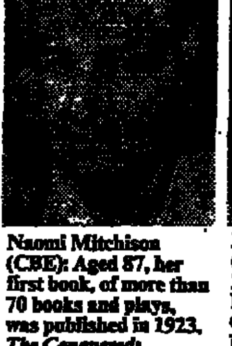
Professor Neville Butler, director of the centre, said: "We shall be examining the health and background of each child. Everyone will have a full medical examination and psychological tests."

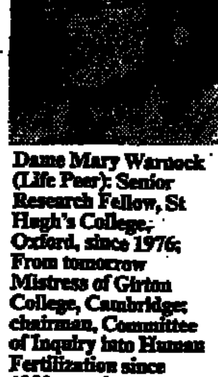
The children will also keep a diet diary for a week and will take part in general aptitude testing.

Professor Butler said: "We will be looking at their recreation, to see how much television they watch, what sports they play and whether they use cigarettes, alcohol or hard or soft drugs.

"As a result we hope to be able to give advice to youngsters about work opportunities, how to fill in their leisure time and how to be better parents for the next generation."


General Sir Frank Kitson (GBE): Commander-in-Chief, UK Land Forces since 1982; Aide-de-Camp General to the Queen since 1983; Aged 58, recreations include horses, wildlife and books.

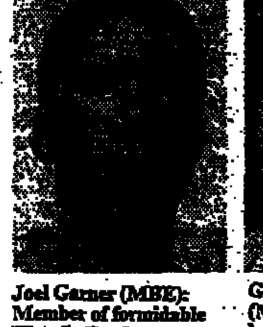

Naomi Mitchison (CBE): Aged 87, her first book, of more than 70 books and plays, was published in 1923, *The Conquered*; Highland and Island Advisory Panel, 1947-65; Highlands and Islands Development Consultative Council, 1966-76; recreation "burning rubbish".


Dame Mary Warnock (Life Peer): Senior Research Fellow, St Hugh's College, Oxford, since 1976; From tomorrow Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge; chairman, Committee of Inquiry into Human Fertilization since 1982; member, Independent Broadcasting Authority 1973-81; member.

Sir Hugh Casson (CH): Aged 74, President of the Royal Academy since 1976; architect and Director of Architecture, Festival of Britain, 1948-51; regular contributor as author and illustrator in press; hobby drawing.


Brenda Bruce (OBE): Actress since aged 14, recently appeared with Royal Shakespeare Company and National Theatre in London; career spans 48 years, starting in Birmingham; first big success as Eliza in *Pygmalion*.

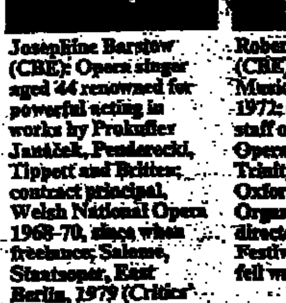
Anthony Quayle (Kt): Veteran actor; first stage appearance 1931 but best known for string of film appearances including roles in *Battle of the River Plate, Ice Cold in Alex* and *The Guns of Navarone*; aged 71.


Joel Garner (MBE): Member of formidable West Indies fast bowling attack, taking 208 wickets in 46 Tests; 6ft 8in tall; also played for Barbados and Somerset.

Gordon Greenidge (MBE): Opening batsman for Barbados, Hampshire and West Indies; has played in 61 Tests and scored over 4,500 runs, including memorable double century at Lords, 1984.


Keith Fletcher (OBE): Outstanding captain of Essex since 1974 leading them to three county cricket championships and three one-day titles; captained England in seven of his 59 Tests between 1968-82.


Reginald Goodall (Kt): Aged 83, Conductor famous for interpretation of Wagner; in 1945 conducted first performance of Peter Grimes; in 1968 conducted Wagner's "Meistersinger" at Sadler's Wells; last April conducted last performance of Wagner's "Valkyrie".


Josephine Barstow (CBE): Opera singer aged 44 renowned for powerful acting in works by Prokofiev Janáček, Penderecki, Tippett and Britten; contract principal, Welsh National Opera 1968-70, since when freelance; Salome, Staatsoper, East Berlin, 1979 (Critics' Prize), at Covent Garden, 1982.

Robert Ponsonby (CBE): Controller Music, BBC, since 1972; aged 58, was with staff of Glyndebourne Opera after leaving Trinity College, Oxford, where was Organ Scholar; artistic director of Edinburgh Festival, 1955-60; likes fell walking.

New Year Honours in full

PRIME MINISTER'S LIST

LIFE PEERS

BARONESS

Warnock, Dame Mary, senior research fellow, St Hugh's College, Oxford University.

BARONS

Chapple, Francis Joseph, lately general secretary, Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union.

Murray, Lionel, lately general secretary, Trades Union Congress.

Vinson, Nigel, Chairman, Development Commission. President, Industrial Participation Association.

COMPANION OF HONOUR

Casson, Sir Hugh Maxwell, for services to architecture and the arts.

PRIVY COUNSELLORS

Bennett, Sir Frederic, MP for Torbay.

Braine, Sir Bernard, MP for Castle Point.

Seear, Beatrice Nancy, Baroness, Liberal Party leader, House of Lords.

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Blyth, James, head of defence sales, Ministry of Defence.

Brunton, Gordon Charles, managing director and chief executive, International Thomson Organisation.

Carlisle, John Michael, chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority.

Coats, William David, chairman, Coats Patons.

Cumber, John Alfred, Director-general, Save the Children Fund.

Darby, Peter Howard, HM Chief Inspector of Fire Services for England and Wales.

Dean, Arthur Paul, MP, for political service.

Downs, Diarmuid, for services to the study of engineering technology.

Durham, Kenneth, chairman, Unilever.

Goodall, Reginald, conductor. For services to music.

Harding, Roy Pollard, for services to education.

Haslam, Robert, chairman, British Steel Corporation, chairman, Tate and Lyle.

Hogg, Christopher Anthony, chairman, Courtaulds.

Kingman, Professor John Frank Charles, chairman, Science and Engineering Research Council.

McCrea, Professor William Hunter, for services to theoretical astronomy.

Montgomery, William Fergus MP, for political service.

Morgan-Giles, Rear-Admiral Morgan Charles, for political service.

Nicholson, Robin Buchanan, chief scientific adviser, Cabinet Office.

Payne, Norman John, chairman, British Airports Authority.

Peart, William Stanley, professor of medicine, University of London.

Quayle, John Anthony, for services to the theatre.

Quirk, Professor Charles Randolph, vice-chancellor, University of London.

Reynolds, Peter William John, chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall.

Ridley, Adam Nicholas, for political service.

Robinson, David, for charitable services.

Sterling, Jeffrey Maurice, for public and industrial services.

Tapsell, Peter Hannay Bailey, MP, for political service.

White, Lynton Stuart, for political and public service.

ORDER OF THE BATH

KCB

Lazarus, Peter Esmond, permanent secretary, Department of Transport.

Quinlan, Michael Edward, permanent secretary, Department of Employment.

CB

A K H Atkinson, ch exec Intervent Brd for Agric Prod; W R Atkinson, reg dir NE Reg Off, Dept of Trade; J Bolton, Ch wks off, DHSS; N E Clarke, Dep sec DHSS; K P Duncan, dep dir-gen, Health and Safty Exec; J Ellis, Dep dir (Vhcls), R Armament Res and Devel Estab MOD; D E R Faulkner, dep under-sec, Home Off; E D Graham, Ltly prin clrk of Priv Bills, House of Lords; D D Grant, Dir-Gen, Col; A J G Isaac, dep ch, In Rev Bd; P G E F Jones, dir Atomic Waepns Res Estab, MOD; B P Tickle, sen reg, Princ regry of Famly Div, High Court; M J Ware, sol and leg adv, dep of Env; I M Wilson, under-sec Scott Edu Dept.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

du Cann, Edward Dillon Lott, for political and public service.

CBE

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M Chandler, polit and pub serv; A B L Clarke, sec Imp Cancer Res Fnd; J R Cochrane, Pres, Lawn Tennis Assn; I H Cohen, mgg dir, Mullard; D R Collinson, asst sec, Treas; D L Cooper, Dep mgg dir, Harland and Wolff. Prof R F Curtis, dir, Food Res Inst Norwich, Agric and Food Res Ccl; P D Cutting, ch invest offr customs and ex; D H Davison, chm and ch ex, Britannia Airwys; L D De Rothschild, serv to music and muscl chties; J A Dellow, asstr commr, Met Pol; W T Devenay, dir of water, Strathclyde Reg Ccl.

J M Douglas, dir gen, Cntry Ldwners Assn serv to agric; J M Ellis, ltly FCO; D Evans, mgg dir Marconi Underwtr Systms; Mrs J L Finlay, dep chm, Equal Opprtnties Comm; J Foster, dir cntryside Comm for Scotld; P L Fox, mgg dir and dir of Progs, Yorks TV; M C Furey, ass solr In Rev Bd; I M Gillis, ltly CIO, Dept of Energy; J D Hamilton, sen ptnr, Fielding Newson-Smith; D St C Harcourt, chm Lond Commdty Exch; P D G Hares, dep ch exec and bd mbr for fin Brit Shipbldrs; J E Herrin, chm Welwyn Electronics.

J Hetherington, ch exec, City of Manchstr; D A Holland, cham and mgg dir, Balfour Beatty, serv to expt; Miss A M Hooper, polit serv; J J Howard, Ltly dir and ch gen mgr, R Insu Gp; G N Jackson, form, chmn, W Mids Reg Chams of Com; M A Jaffe, ltely leg advr, Crown Est Off; P Jefferson, prod dir, Aircrft Gp, Brit Aero; P G Jeffery, dep dir, lab of Gov Chem, Dept Trade and Ind; M J Jenkins, polit and publ serv; J S Jennings, mgg dir, Shell UK expl and prod; R S Johnson, dir of educ, Leeds Met Dist Ccl; Prof B R Jones, Rothes Prof of Preventive Opthlmlgy, Lond Univ; Mrs E Korner, ltly chmn, H Serv Inf Gp; W E Lane, ltly chmn, Natre Conserv C, adv Cttee for Eng; P S Ledger, prinl, R Scott Acad of Mus and Drama; A S MacDonald, chmn, Scott Agric Dev Ccl; I D Mackie, mbr, Tayside Regl Cncl; G R Mathewson, ch Exec, Scott Devel Agy; W J Mathias, compsr, prof of music Univ C of N Wales; Michael McAtamney, dep ch const RUC; Miss M G McGeown, serv to nephrolgy, N Ire; A E McIlwain, ltly pres, Law Soc of Scotland; C McLachlan, ch const, Notts Constab; W N Menzies-Wilson, chm Ocean Tspt and Trdng.

J R Middleton, ltly asst sec, Dept Ed; R A B Miller, chm and ch exec, Dawson Int; Naomi Margaret, Lady Mitchison, writer; W D Morton, polit and publ serv; the Rev Prof C F D Moule, serv to theolgy; A D I Nicol, sec gen of Faclts, Cantab Univ; M F Oliver, Duke of Edin Prof of Cardlgy, Edin Univ; R W Orson, mmbr Elect Ccl; G J Parker, chm and mgg dir, Felixstowe Dock and Rly Co; L F Pocock, chm Liverpl Hlth Auth; R N Ponsonby, contr of music, BBC; A R W Porter, Sec and regr, R Coll of Vet Surgs, serv to vet prof.

Robert Haslam (Kt): Aged 61; chairman Tate & Lyle since 1982, British Steel Corporation since 1983; joined Manchester Collieries, 1944, from where joined National Coal Board, 1947; ICI deputy chairman, 1980-82.

Gordon Brunton (Kt): President of International Thomson Organisation; joined Thomson Organisation, 1961, became director Times Newspapers, 1967; chairman, Bemrose Corporation from 1978, chairman, Sotheby Parke Bernet 1982-83.

Norman Payne (Kt): Aged 63; chairman, British Airports Authority since 1977, having been chief executive, 1972-77; in 1965 became director of engineering at the BAA; has been a commissioner with Manpower Services Commission since 1983.

S G Pritchard, serv to loc govt in Mntshre and Powys; B P P Quilter, chm Dom Electr Applacs Econ Devel Cttee; A V N Reed, mgg dir, Helcoptr and Hovrcrft Gp, Westland; C E B Robinson, dep chm Commn for Racial Eqlty; F L Roche, dep chrm and mgg dir, Conran Roche; H Rogers, dir NW Reg Prop Serv Agy, Dep of Env; G Russell, mgg dir and ch exec Brit Alcan Alumnm; M L Rutter, prof of child psychtry, Lond Univ; L C T Sallabank, dir, G Wimpey; D C Samworth, ltly chm, Meat and Livstck Commn; the Rev J B Smethurst, polit and publ serv; C S Smith, sec Econ and Socl Res Ccl.

Prof J B Stenlake, chm, Brit Pharmcpoeia Comm; C C B Stevens, dep chm, publ hlth lab serv bd; D M Sutton, ed, *Apollo*; R G J Telfer, serv to energy consn; C W C Turner, polit serv; A W Ure, mgg dir, Trollope and Colls; D R Wall, ass dir, RAcad of Dncg; J S Ward, pntr and illstrtr; A J Watson, polit serv; R T M Williams, chmn, Wales Terri Aux and Vol Res Ass; Prof W M Williams, publ serv in Wales; R A Wilson, ltly pres, Food Mfrs' Fed; J D Witty, ltly sec, London Brs Ass, itly ch exec, Westminster C ccl; R W J Wood, chmn, Leeds W Hlth Auth.

V Sahal, reg archt, S W Reg Hlth Auth; J S Salt, suvtg engr, Surrey CC; M V Salter, Insp Dept of Ed; G F Sarjeant, chm, Brit Litrcy cttee; R Saunders, dir, S W Farmrs; W A Scott, polit and publ serv; R D Self, serv to hockey; H S Sharpley, polit and publ serv; H W Shaw, serv to music; J B Shaw, serv to Pensions Appeal Trbls; F Simmons, ltly prin, Ld Chanclr's Dept; C J Smith, polit serv; M P Smith, establ offr, Natrl Env Res Ccl; L J Soane, mgg dir, Reorg, BR Bd; T J Soutar, prin HM SO; P Stalker, ptnr, Kirk McClure and Morton, Consltg Engrs, *Belfast*; J H Starkey, polit serv; E F R Stearn, prin, Brooksby Agric Coll and ch agric educ offr for Leics; C P J Steinitz, serv to Lond Bach Soc; S J Stewart, polit and publ serv; Miss M Straub, textile des and wver; Mrs H M F Swift, polit and publ serv; [illegible]

OBE

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Miss H M Laird, serv to Girl Guides Assn; Prof G E Lamming, hd, dept of Physlgy and Envir Studs, Nottm Univ; Lt Cdr C G Lestock Reid, Ch Commr for England, Scout Ass; [illegible]

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MBE

[illegible]

ROYAL NAVY

ORDER OF THE BATH

KCB

Hunt, Vice Admiral Nicholas John Streynsham.

CB

R-Adm W A Higgins; R-Adm G G W Marsh.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

Cdre D H Morse; Capt R H Norman; Cdre H M White.

OBE

Cdr M G Fox; Cdr M G Harper; Cdr J M Lane; Cdr H Murdan; Cdr M J R Nestor; Cdr M T Roberts; Cdr N L Stewart; Cdr M J Waterhouse; Maj G J O'N Wells-Cole; Cdr M F Whelan.

MBE

Lt Cdr R Collinson; Lt Cdr M J H Craig; Lt Cdr P R Davies; Lt Cdr J F Dorrington; Fl Ch Weapon Engg Mech (r) R Gilbert; Lt Cdr *W A Goodchild*; *Act Lt Cdr J W Graham*; Lt G T Mackie; Lt (CS) D W Moore; Lt Cdr (SCC) M F W Overbury; Fl Ch Stew J A Partington; Lt Cdr B F Prendergast; Lt Cdr (SCC) C H Watson; *Lt Cdr G N Wells*.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Po Air Eng Mech (R) J W Andrews; CPO (ops) (Missile) C Blain; CPO Air Engr Artif (L) G C Everitt; Mast-at-Arms R E Ford; Ch Rad Sup R Goldsmith; CPO Weapon Engg Artif P R Harris; CPO Stor Acc G E Hill; C Ch Marine Eng Art (H) R W Kane; CPO Stores Acc W G Livingstone; Chge Ch Weapon Eng Artif D J McIntosh; CPO Aircrwmn R D Niblock; CPO Stores Account D A Part; Col Sgt G H Russell; Col Sgt J M Sheridan; Mast-at-Arms M R Smith; CPO Stew M A Stevenson; CPO (Mine Wfare) T R Strain; Col Sgt (CS) N Talbot; CPO Plotter D F Tucker.

AIR FORCE CROSS

Lt Cdr J T Lockwood.

ROYAL RED CROSS

Members

Supg Nursg Off K A Bowick, QARNNS; Supg Nursg Off J N Last, QARNNS.

QUEENS COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

Fl Ch Aircrewmn N Anning; Lt Cdr P A Shaw.

THE ARMY

ORDER OF THE BATH

KCB

Chapple, Lieutenant General John Lyon, late 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

CB

Maj Gen K Burch, late R Ang Regt, R Anglian; Maj Gen A W Dennis, late 16/5 L; Maj Gen R E J Gerrard-Wright, late R Ang Regt, R Anglian; Maj Gen R M Pearson, late RADC; Maj Gen G M G Swindells, late 9/12 L; Maj Gen J P B C Watts, late R Irish.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

GBE

Kitson, General Sir Frank, Colonel Commandant 2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, Honorary Colonel Oxford University Officers Training Corps, Territorial Army.

KBE

Moffat, Lieutenant General William Cameron, late Royal Army Medical Corps.

CBE

Col E H Barker, late RE; Brig H G Brown, late RAOC; Col B T John, late RRW, TA; Col I F J Johnston, late REME; Brig F J Lucas, RPC; Brig A J G Pollard, late R Anglian; Brig P G S Tower, late Coldstm Gds.

OBE

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MBE

Maj C J Andrews, APTC (retd); Act Maj H W Appleby, Com Cadet Force, TA (retd); Maj R W C T Barbour, Intell Corps, TA; W Off 1 R M Bean, The D of Wellington's Reg (W Riding) (now discharged); Maj (now hon Lt Col) B Baty, Para (retd); W Off 2 C R Brown, CRMP; Maj (SQmst) B D Casbolt, RAOC; Maj P J Darrington, RAMC; Capt V C L Davies, Roy Monmouth RE (militia) TA; Capt (Q/mstr) D Dawes, Kings Reg; W Off 2 G Fairfax, Queens TA; Act Maj K C Farren, Army Cadet Force, TA; Maj (Ordnance Exec Offr) J K Fellows, RAOC; Maj (Q/mstr) R W Hall, LI; Capt T H Hughes, RA, TA (retd); Maj (now Lt-Col) W K Hardwick, RAEC; Maj D M Hay, RS; Maj M A W Head, Int Corps; Maj T H Holbech, Gren Gds; Maj J H C James, RRW; Maj (now Lt-Col) C Kearns, QLR; Maj L P Lillywhite, RAMC; W Offr 1 R J C MacKenzie, 56; Maj J C D Moseley, RA (rtd); Maj (Gurkha Commd Off) Narbu Lama, 2G R.

Lt (act captn) D E Naylor, RA; Maj (Brevet Lt Col) P Newton, SAS, TA; Maj M G Orum, PWO; Maj J R Pawson, RE; Maj (Qms) D K Proom, Glosters; W Off 2 E E Robinson, RAOC; Capt (act Maj) D Ronksley, RE; Maj G N R Sayle, WG; Capt (Qms) E Sheen DCOY, TA; W Off 2 S M Sims, R Sigs; Maj M R S Skeat, REME, TA; Capt (Qms) M C K Smart, R Sigs; Maj P W Snell, Int Corps; Maj F R Steer, RAOC; Maj M E A Syms, RCT; Maj J M Templer, 17/21 L; Maj P E Townsend, RMP; W Off 2 C K Walker, RE; Maj N W Woolmington Ed R H K Reg.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Sgt H B Anscourt, Sigs; Staff Sgt E P Andrews, 14/20 KH; Cpl K Ashcroft, RCT; Sgt R C Barker, R Sigs, TA; Sgt S Bennett, RAOC; Staff Sgt (act W off 2) B M Sunwar, 2 GR; Col J E Bond, RGJ, TA; Staff Sgt M C [illegible]

AIR FORCE CROSS

Cap (act Maj) D I Patterson, AAC.

ROYAL RED CROSS

Members – First Class

Lt Col M A Agate, QARANC; Maj M Coulthard, QARANC; Lt Col P E Wheable, QARANC (now RARO).

Associates – Second Class

Lt Col W B Jackson, QARANC, TA; Lt Col D J Kingsford TD, QARANC (now RARO); Maj B C McEvilly, QARANC.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

ORDER OF THE BATH

GCB

Kennedy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas

KCB

Gilbert, Acting Air Marshal Joseph Alfred.

CB

A V-M P S Collins; A V-M R L Lees; A V-M H A Merriman (retd).

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

A Cdre E N Meats (retd); A Cdre D A Saunders; G Capt P J Harding; G Cap R E Johns.

OBE

W Cdr J Blakeley; W Cdr M M Foster; W Cdr H Greaves, RAFVR(T); W Cdr D H A Greenway; W Cdr H D Herd; W Cdr B Humble; W Cdr G F Hingston-Jones; W Cdr P M Newman; W Cdr F J Platts; W Cdr D R West (now actg G Capt); Sq Ldr C A Bailey, RAFVR.

MBE

Act Sq Ldr J W Billings RAFVR; Sq Ldr G J Blackburn; Sq Ldr C C N Burwell; Sq Ldr T F Carter; Sq Ldr K F Daykin; Sq Ldr D R G Forsyth (now actg W Cdr); WO P J Hayward; Sq Ldr W W Hill; Sq Ldr J S Hocknull (now actg W Cdr); Sq Ldr J F L Pearce (retd); Sq Ldr D C Smith (now actg W Cdr); Sq ldr P O Sturley (now W Cdr); Flt Lt J S Barry (now actg Sq ldr); Flt Lt G McD Smith; Flt Lt J Stewart; W Off D M Allen; W Off J J Duffy; W Off E P Henshall; W Off D C Hunter; W Off M M Jeffery; W Off R E Vaughan; Mast Navig A D Melton (retd).

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Flt Sgt M S Adams; Flt Sgt J P Hogan; Flt Sgt R F J Lobley; Flt Sgt A P Reeve; Flt Sgt P H Rooney; Flt Sgt H T Smyth; Flt Sgt S A Walker, WRAF; Flt Sgt W F Webster, R Aux AF; Chf Tech S G G Bartlett; Chf Tech C P Bell; Chf Tech (now Flt Sgt) A Gair; Flt Sgt T J Upfield; Chf Tech J L Ramsey; Chf Tech A D Woolf; Sgt H A Campbell; Sgt (now Flt Sgt) M J Hope; Sgt V D Manton; Sgt J Moore; Sgt G L Norman; Sgt A J Philpott; Sgt G C Soo; Sgt (now Flt Sgt) J R B Wright.

AIR FORCE CROSS

Sq Ldr J A Ball; Sq Ldr J Blackwell; Sq Ldr D R Carden; Sq Ldr K D McRobb; Sq Ldr A P Waldron; Fl Lt A H J Norfolk.

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Member – First Class

W Cdr R A L Partington, ARRC, PMRAFNS.

Associate – Second Class

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BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

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W J E Dukelow, Obs, No 31 group, ROC; I M Duncan, hd lib attend, Commons; J F Edwards, ltly ch offr HM Prison, Brixton; K J Evans, mrs foreman, Rl parks div, dept of Env; R J Finch, garage hand, Met Pol; Mrs H T Flinn, dist org, Yeovil, WRVS; H Fordter, bdn offr, N Ire prison serv; E G Fory, serv engr, NE reg, Brit Gas; E F Foulger, hd nurseryman, rec and open spaces dep, L'pool City Council; H C Garrity, operations supt, N Div, NW Water Auth; R Getty, const, RUC; B M Gibbons, ch steward, MoD; E Gledhill, foreman, Dalescraft Furniture; P G Glasspool, cartog draughtsmn, ord surv; C J Goodman, storekeeper, Brixton, Remploy; P H G Gould, engrng foreman, S Elec Bd; J Graham, progressman planner, MOD; R [illegible]

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BEM: awards for two striking miners, Ronald Buck (left) and Albert Barker.

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND OVERSEAS LIST

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Lobo, Rogerio Hyndman, for public services in Hong Kong.

Wood, Arthur Michael, for medical services to the community in Kenya.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

KCMG

Bentley, William, HM Ambassador, Oslo.

Goodison, Alan Clowes HM Ambassador, Dublin.

James, Cynlais Morgan, HM Ambassador, Mexico City.

Russell, Robert Mark, HM Ambassador, Ankara.

CMG

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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CBE

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OBE

John Banda, serv to Brit comm intrsts in Turkey; J P A C Bergne, ltly Frst Sec HM Emb, Athens; E Blackburn QPM CPM, Dep Comm, RHK Pol; Derek Hurst Boydell, serv to ex-servmn in Dublin; P Braithwaite, serv to Brit comm and commty intrsts in Indonesia; E C Brooks, Ch Sec, Turks and Caicos Is; J Chan Cho-tak, Admin Off Secty br, HK; Chan Yuen-chu, publ serv in HK; S K Cheung, publ serv in HK; R J Chitty, serv to Brit comml intrsts in Moscow; N E Cole, ltly Frst Sec (comm), Brit High Commn, Lusaka; I A N Cook, ltly cdr, Pol Mobile Fce, Vanuatu; M D Crone, ltly Census advr, Govt of Zimbabwe; C M Dalton, publ and commty serv in Gibrltr; [illegible]

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MBE

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IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

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Sinnamon, Hercules, for services to the community.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

R M Williams, serv to outback commty of Aust.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

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OBE

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MBE

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CBE

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OBE

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MBE

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

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MBE

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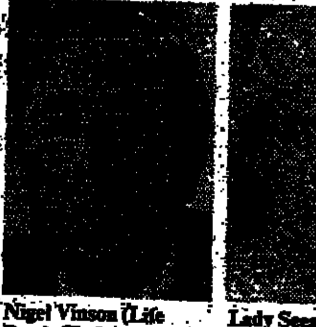
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Edward du Cann (KBE): Cons MP for Taunton since 1956; aged 60; member of Privy Council; chairman of 1922 Committee, 1972-84; Economic Secretary to Treasury, 1962-63; Minister of State, Board of Trade; 1963-64.



Nigel Vinson (Life Peer): Chairman of Development Commission since 1980; describes himself as an inventor; founder of Plastic Coatings, which started in Nissen hut in 1951, winning the Queen's Award to Industry, 1971; aged 53; member, National Trust regional committee



Lady Seear (PC): Aged 70, Liberal Party leader in House of Lords; Visiting Professor of Personnel Management, The City University, 1980-84; made Honorary Fellow of London School of Economics, 1980; author of books on employment of women.



Roger Self (OBE): Manager of hastily assembled British hockey team that won bronze medal at Los Angeles Olympic Games; invited to play after Soviet Union's withdrawal.



Tessa Sanderson (MBE): Javelin gold medal winner at the Los Angeles Olympics, the first Briton to win the event; Commonwealth title and European silver medal in 1978.

Kenny Dalglish (MBE): Scotland's most-capped footballer with 96 appearances since 1972; has won many European and British honours with Celtic and Liverpool.

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ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

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MBE

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NEW ZEALAND

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

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CMG

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

DBE

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KBE

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CBE

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OBE

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MBE

Q E Aggus, serv to disbld; R G Barrowclough, serv to mountn afty; G Christie, publ and commty serv; R Coutts, serv to yctng; E N Craig, serv to music; I G Ferguson, serv to canoeing; J F Fitzgerald, serv to loc body and commty affrs; J P Harding, serv to commty; H B Harvey, serv to tennis; K F Hartley, serv to sftbll; N L Hider, serv to Highland Pipe Bands Assn of N Zealnd; P Kellner, serv to loc body and commty affrs; D S S Kerr, idy prin priv sec to PM; Mrs S K MacTavish, serv to arts; Mrs D H Mihinui, serv to tourst indust and commty; R Newman, Supt RNZ Pol; R E Parks, serv to music; N G Pickering, serv to loc gov; Dr W M Platts, serv to med; L B Roberts, serv to commty; S D Sherwood, serv to N Zealnd War Amputees Assn; M V Schol, serv to loc body and commty affrs; B Sutcliffe, serv to crckt; M J Todd, serv to sportn sprt; Mrs B M Wylie, serv to Nat Ccl of Women of N Zealnd.

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CBE

Brig A C Hamilton.

OBE

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MBE

Wt Off Stsm J H Balgent, RNZN; Capt and QMast F W Daniel, RNZ Inf; Wt Off J A Fordyce, RNZAF; Wt Off T T Healey, RNZAF; Wt Off I D H Roberts, RNZ Eng; Maj R J Seymour, RNZ Inf; Wt Off Staw P F Smith, RNZN; Lt J C Trott, RNZN.

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AIR FORCE CROSS

Sq Ldr P S Faulkner, RNZAF.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

B D Read, det ch insp NZ Pol.

QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

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QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

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QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

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THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

Flt Lt P G Randerson, RNZAF.

COOK ISLANDS

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

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BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mrs P Tamarua, serv to women and chldrn.

THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

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CBE

T R Bredmeyer, serv to law.

OBE

J P Aisa, serv to law; W H DeC Dutton, polit serv; R K Pukati, commty serv; P F Nicholls, serv to bankg and comm; V Tobaining, serv to commty.

MBE

M Aumbou, serv to commty and polit; R E Burgess, prof servs; H T Fabila, commty serv; R A Gilbanks, serv to oil palm indust; C S Inove, serv to polit; A N Karmel, commty serv; W H Knoll, serv to commty; E H Harvey, publ serv; P B Y L Ning, serv to commty; T B Ritako, publ serv; I Sam, publ serv.

Military division

OBE

Col L Dotaona, Pap N G Def Force.

MBE

Lt Col D N Josiah, Pap N G Def Force; Maj M Sigere, Pap N G Def Force; Maj K Sighitala, Pap N G Def Force.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

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Military division

Sgt F Guri, Pap NG Def Force; Sgt D Larry, Pap NG Def Force; L Cpl I Tom, Pap NG Def Force.

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

A M Kathrada, serv to comm and indust; L D Seesaram, contrib to loc gov.

OBE

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MBE

D Bauhadoor, serv to commty; N Buckowalng, publ serv; T Kamayah, serv to commty; Mrs M R I Rochecouste, serv to commty; J Sonoo, serv to commty; Mrs A Lallah, serv to commty.

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

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OBE

H A Munnings, permt sec (re-emplyd pensnr); H C Walkine, permt sec.

MBE

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BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Thomson, John Sutherland, chairman, Economic Development Board.

CBE

M M Patel, serv to comm and indust.

OBE

F H Gibson, liaison offr, Fiji Elect Auth; B M Janmif, serv to nation; B E Vosailagi, serv to commty.

MBE

Sister M Gaelen, serv to commty; J G Lewenl, serv to farmg; R Mercer, serv to commty; V D Shankaran, serv to commty.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Taukala, David Dawea, for public service.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

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MBE

P Misiga, ch educ offr, Min of Ed.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

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ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

Mrs F E Eustace, publ serv.

MBE

C N St C Robinson, publ serv.

SAINT LUCIA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

S A James, serv to commty.

MBE

I Y Felicien, serv to commty; J E Mandesoh, serv to commty.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

J Mathurin, serv to commty; Miss C V Riley, serv to commty; Miss P I Smith, serv to commty.

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

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MBE

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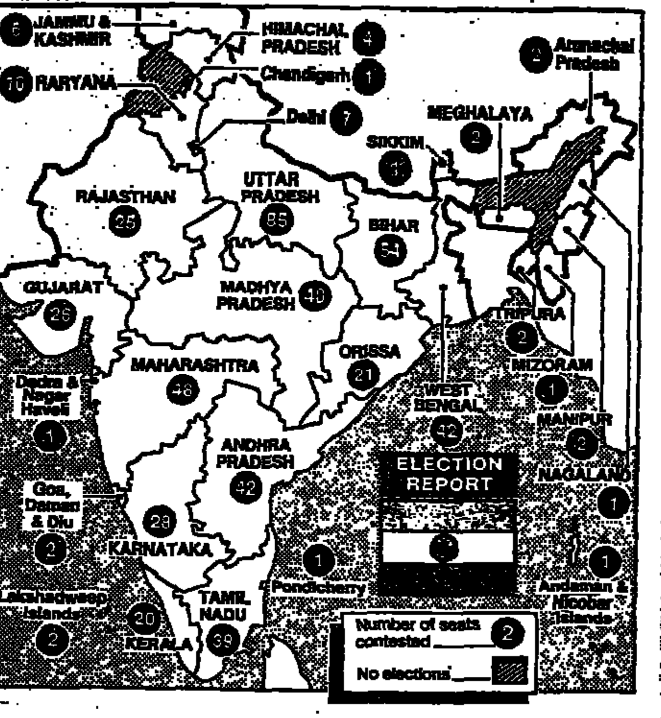
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MBE

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The Indian general election

Gandhi celebrates historic victory



RESULTS BY STATE

	Congress	Opposition		Congress	Opposition
Andhra Pradesh	6	33	Manipur	Rslts to come	
Assam	No Election		Meghalaya	1	0
Bihar	48	5	Nagaland	Rslts to come	
Gujarat	22	2	Orissa	20	1
Haryana	10	0	Punjab	No Election	
Himachal Pradesh	3	0	Rajesthan	25	0
Jammu/Kashmir	1	3	Sikkim	0	1
Karnataka	24	4	Tamil Nadu	25	13
Kerala	13	7	Tripura	0	2
Madhya Pradesh	39-	0	Uttar Pradesh	82	2
Maharashtra	43	5	West Bengal	12	21



Chosen son: A triumphant wave from Mr Gandhi.

Electors seek comfort in the old, hope in the new

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The veteran Communist Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mr Jyoti Basu, a civilized man more in the mould of a Harry Pollitt than a Mick McGahey, said it in as elegant and as barbed a way as could have been expected: "There is no doubt that Indira Gandhi dead is more powerful than Indira Gandhi alive."

From the start of India's election campaign it was said that the sympathy vote would be running strongly in the wake of Mrs Gandhi's assassination. But the scale of her son's victory must be explained by far more than sympathy.

Observers agree that the vote was essentially for the old regime but for a new ruler; that the electors sought the re-assurance and comfort of voting for a party, and a family, whose policies and attitudes were familiar, and who stood unmistakably for the unity and integrity of the country.

"*Congress - Lao - desh bachao*", said the posters. "Bring in Congress – save the country".

But a vote for the old regime, for stability in a time of change, was also a vote for the bad old ways of Congress, the corruption and inefficiency that had become endemic in Indian political life.

For those reasons Indira Gandhi alive would have had perhaps a more difficult task of re-election than her son. For other reasons too. It was pointed out in a sage article in yesterday's *Times of India*, the Bombay-based English language newspaper, that although Mrs Gandhi was not much of an ideologue she did ride to power on a radical populist platform in 1971, and her natural sympathies lay that way.

The author of the article and editor of the newspaper, Mr Girilal Jain, also emphasizes "her unshakable distrust of the United States, which cannot be explained wholly in terms of US military assistance to Pakistan". The front page article insists: "Rajiv Gandhi does not suffer from any similar hang-up."

Mr Jain says the business community at last has rallied round Mr Gandhi in the hope that he will free them from the shackles imposed by his mother. He also suggests that, though Mr Gandhi is unlikely to have impressed the rural voter, the people are fed up with "big government" which also happened to be corrupt and inefficient. "It is just possible that instinctively they have come to the conclusion that Rajiv Gandhi could make a break with the past."

It is also fair to point out that the massive hankering for security among the voters, and for protection of the political and constitutional status quo, is an aspect of the long-feared "Hindu backlash" which was building such a head of steam during the Sikh agitation, and which exploded into violence in the streets in the immediate aftermath of Mrs Gandhi's assassination.

A number of opposition politicians are blaming Hindu communalism for the size of the Government's victory. It is true that Mrs Gandhi appeared to be appeasing this sentiment in her attacks on Sikh extremism and her constant references to the threat from supporters of Pakistan (who would be likely to be Muslims).

Against this argument, however, it can be sais that if there was a Hindu backlash the most likely beneficiary would be the Bharatiya Janata Party – the former Jana Sangh – which gave expression and respectability to Hindu communal feelings. As it was, Bharatiya Janata was virtually wiped out at the polls, their only victories coming in one seat granted to them by agreement with the victorious Telegu Desam in Andhra Pradesh, and one seat won in Gujarat where the Opposition also made a non-aggression pact.

But in Uttar Pradesh, and especially in Rajasthan where the party has done notably well in the past, it was extinguished. Perhaps the avowed Hindu communalist wing of the party, the Rashtriya Sewak Sangh, deserted it to vote Congress. But even Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, found it impossible to resist the Congress tide.

In truth, the Opposition have no one to blame but themselves. It had been obvious for many months that the elections would come around the year's end, and yet the competing ambitions of the various party leaders made it impossible for them to ally, either in formal coalition or in a non-aggression pact to avoid dividing the opposition vote.

Despite the overwhelming majority of seats won by Mr Gandhi's Congress party, in a sense it still counts as a minority party, because it gained support from only 48 per cent of the voters.

More people voted against Congress than for it. The problem was there was nothing viable with which to replace Congress.

● ISLAMABAD: President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan congratulated Mr Gandhi on his "overwhelming victory" (AFP reports).

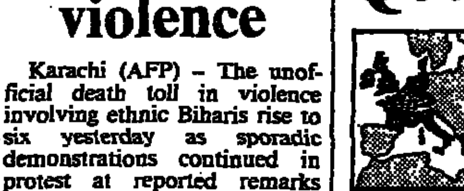
In a telegram, General Zia said: "I look forward to working with your excellency for the development of a mutually beneficial relationship of trust and confidence between Pakistan and India and for strengthening peace and stability in our region."

● MOSCOW: The Soviet Union yesterday made plain its satisfaction with the election result and portrayed the Congress landslide as a defeat for the United States (Reuter reports).

The state media praised Mr Gandhi, saying the voters had chosen to follow the tradition of his mother and his grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru. Tass said the victory had thwarted plans of "reaction" in the West and in India to partition the country, and attacked the US Central Intelligence Agency.

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Six dead in Bihari violence



Karachi (AFP) – The unofficial death toll in violence involving ethnic Biharis rise to six yesterday as sporadic demonstrations continued in protest at reported remarks about the Biharis by President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq.

Four people including a policeman were reported to have died in Saturday's clashes between Bihari demonstrators and police in the Orangi slum area of Karachi. Two more were said to have died of their injuries in hospital yesterday. Official figures put the death toll at two.

Clashes between Bihari immigrants and police began on Friday in the Orangi area, where an estimated 300,000 Biharis live, after General Zia reportedly described Bihari settlers in Pakistan as "beggars".

The Government said yesterday that the President's words had been misinterpreted, and he had actually described the Biharis as "unemployed".

A correspondent who toured the affected area yesterday morning found the Orangi roads blocked by demonstrators with burning tyres and oil drums. Thousands of people crowded on to main roads, and some marchers chanting slogans for the repatriation of an estimated several hundred thousand Biharis in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

European notebook

Quandary for Italy in the chair



Fate has dealt Italy a particularly nasty card in conniving to make it take over the driving seat of the EEC at the very moment that negotiations to bring Spain and Portugal into the Community are reaching a climax.

For of all the 10 member states Italy has the most to fear from the inevitable economic effects of this third enlargement of the Community. The south-western region of France is certain to suffer most, but Italy knows it must face up to a Spanish challenge on all fronts once the two Iberian countries become members.

Once in the presidential chair in the Council of Ministers, Italy's proper job will be to seek a compromise. That, in turn, means that it must persuade members to make concessions, and many of those concessions will have to be made by Italy.

Running the enlargement negotiations is not likely to be popular work, but it is absolutely crucial because so much depends on it. Unless they are completed, there seems little hope of persuading West Germany to provide the extra money the Community must have in 1985 if it is to pay all its bills, and at the same time give Britain the promised £600 million reduction in its contributions.

So Italy must strive to get agreement in areas where it knows it has so much to lose, such as olive oil, wine, fruit and vegetables. It must also persuade a very reluctant Spain to accept unpleasant terms on fisheries, or run the risk of the delicate young common fisheries policy breaking up.

Parallel to these negotiations, Italy must find a way of satisfying the demands of Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, for a large amount of extra aid to help Athens to face up to enlargement. The Greek Socialist leader told the Dublin summit that he would bar Spain and Portugal from joining the Community until he received a large amount of money in compensation.

Italy knows that very little money is available, while most northern countries are now ill-disposed to pay much to Greece, which is already a net beneficiary of the Community to the tune of some £600 million a year. The only way out would seem to be to offer Greece all the extra compensation money likely to be available – which means that France and Italy itself would have to forgo their shares.

An added task will be to prepare for a big debate on the environment at the European summit in Brussels in March.

At the same time, under Dutch insistence, a timetable for creating a real transport policy is to be agreed on.

The one subject which Italy is probably relishing looking after is the preparation of a summit debate in Milan at the end of June on European union. By then the reports of two committees looking at institutional reform and a "citizens' Europe" are to be ready for decision.

The interim reports, presented to the Dublin summit, seek to take the Community down the road to federalism, with majority voting in councils and greater powers for the European Parliament.

Britain will not be alone in being extremely chary of such ideas, although it will enthusiastically welcome any agreement which will help to break down internal frontiers and make life easier for EEC citizens.

But the key to the whole question remains enlargement. If Italy can end the negotiations to bring Spain and Portugal into the Community, then there is no telling what might be agreed on in the sunny climate they will bring

If the negotiations fail, stark financial stringency will be the order of the day. And there will be no enthusiasm at all for the kind of European union Italy is so anxious to see.

Ian Murray

State sues for Bhopal

Bhopal (Reuter) – The state of Madhya Pradesh will file legal suits in India and the United States against the Union Carbide company over the gas leak that killed more than 2,500 people.

According to a spokesman yesterday, the state will file on behalf of itself, its employees and other people affected by the disaster.

About 25,000 people were seriously injured by the leak on December 3.

The spokesman said the state had appealed to people not to enter into individual agreements with foreign lawyers to take up suits on their behalf. Several groups of American lawyers have been in the city signing up victims.

Residents said some lawyers had offered them 100 rupees (about £7) to sign up with them.

Faroe Isles swing left

Copenhagen – Two months of tortuous post-election negotiations resulted at the weekend in the formation of a new centre-left government in the Faroe Islands, Denmark's remote north Atlantic province (Christopher Follett writes). The new four-party coalition, led by the Social Democrats and the Republicans, has 18 seats in the 32-seat Lagting, the Faroes' local parliament in the capital, Torshaven, and brings to an end four years of right-wing rule in the archipelago.

Drastic economic austerity measures are to be imposed by the new administration. It also expected to take a more critical attitude to relations with the mother country, from which the Faroes gained limited home rule under the Danish crown in 1948.

Amman murder likely to set off new round of PLO internal warfare

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Escalation of the internecine war inside the Palestine Liberation Organization between pro-Jordanian moderates and radicals backed by Syria is expected to result from the murder in Amman of Mr Fahd Kawasme, the exiled mayor of Hebron, the second largest town in the occupied West Bank.

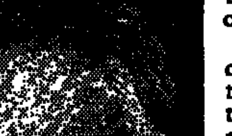
The daylight killing of Saturday and the angry reaction it has provoked in the Arab world were seen as evidence of the formidable obstacles still in the way of any attempt to break the *Middle East deadlock by opening* new talks between Israel and a conservative Arab bloc.

Among those who were quick to blame Mr Kawasme's murder on Syria was Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, who arrived in Amman yesterday from South Yemen. "Let the hireling killers and rulers of Damascus who protect and direct them know that they will not be able to destroy the will or determination of our people."

Mr Kawasme was shot outside his home in Amman's smart Jebel Husain district by two gunmen who threw a grenade and then opened fire with silenced weapons. A caller to Agence France-Presse in Paris claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of Black September, a Palestinian splinter group bitterly opposed to Mr Arafat.

Radicals inside the PLO and their Syrian paymasters have been particularly angered by the recent *rapprochement* between Jordan, Egypt and the Arafat wing of the PLO, with its implications for future efforts to resolve the Paletinian issue.

The murder came shortly after an abortive attempt, also in Amman, to kill Mr Hani al-Hassan, another associate of Mr Arafat. Intelligence sources are convinced PLO radicals are stepping up their campaign to sabotage establishment of a block willing to sit down at the negotiating table with Israel.



Mr Kawasme: 'Black September' victim.

King Husain of Jordan, himself under threat by radical PLO elements, described the killers as cowards who had put themselves at the service of the Israeli Army.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry expressed deep sorrow at the murder, which it described as a "treacherous terrorist act".

Mr Kawasme, who was expelled from the West Bank in 1980 after an attack on Jewish settlers in Hebron, had been seen as a key figure in efforts to start a new Arab-Israeli dialogue in which territory in the West Bank might be exchanged for a peace treaty.

Yesterday, his close friend, *Mr Elias Freij*, Palestinian Mayor of Bethlehem, in the West Bank, described Mr Kawasme as a man "who believed in the principle of peaceful co-existence with Israel and a political solution". He and other moderate leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip condemned the killing.

Mr Kawasme, an amiable, quietly-spoken man, was elected to the executive committee of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile, during its controversial session in Amman last month, which was condemned by Damascus. He was named as the official in chare of affairs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

His murder was received with shock and anger throughout the West Bank, where he was revered as a hero after his expulsion and subsequent elevation to the role of international spokesman for the Palestinian cause. Many West Bankers expressed conviction that Syria was behind the killing, in an effort to undermine the growing moderation of the PLO's "loyalist" wing.

In Hebron, shops were closed and hundreds of mourners gathered at the hotel owned by the Kawasme family as relatives attempted to persuade the Israeli military authorities to permit the body to be returned to the town for burial. They were backed by some left-wing Israeli politicians.

Mr Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, a Knesset member of the centre Yahad party, and the former military commander of the West Bank, who signed Mr Kawasme's deportation order, said: "He ... had the potential to lead the West Bank and his people to the [Camp David] autonomy proposals."

Al Hamishmar, the left-wing Tel Aviv daily newspaper, and voice *of the opposition Mapam* party, said Mr Kawasme was "not a casualty of war, but of the fear of peace.".

Israel radio yesterday put at 13 the number of Palestinian leaders who have been assassinated in recent years.

Jail for reluctant professor

Tel Aviv (Reuter) – The Israeli Army has sentenced a senior physics professor to 14 days in jail for fefusing military reserve duty in southern Lebanon, the *Yedioth Ahronoth* newspaper said yesterday.

Professor Daniel Amit, aged 46, chairman of the Physics Institute of Jerusalem's Hebrew University, was court-martialled last week after he told his commanding officers he would defy a call-up order.

"If more people were ready to be punished over the absurdity of serving in Lebanon and refused to participate in this absurdity, the decision-makers would get the message," he was quoted as telling a military judge.

Professor Amit is alos deputy chairman of the Israeli Civil Liberties Union.

About one hundred Israelis have gone to jail rather than serve in Lebanon since the 1982 Israeli invasion.

● BEIRUT: A boy aged 11 was killed and two other children were seriously injured yesterday when Israeli troops fired in retaliation for a rocket attack on their patrol in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon (AP reports).

Meanwhile relatives of people kidnapped during Lebanon's civil war blocked all crossings between Christian east and Muslim west for the fourth day yesterday and threatened to continue their protest until the government determines the fate of the victims.

A statement by the "committee of kidnap victims' families" vowed that green line crossings would remain closed at least until the next Lebanese cabinet session on Wednesday.

Hundreds of Christian and Muslim civilians were abducted during the sectarian fighting last February and the preceding September.

● GUNPOINT ABDUCTION: Three Western journalist, two Americans and a Canadian, were abducted, held briefly and robbed by Lebanese gunmen late on Saturday in west Beirut. There were released unharmed.

Purge of US State Department

Shultz opens fire in policy control battle

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, is manoeuvring into a position of overwhelming domination of United States foreign policy. A master of bureaucratic warfare, he is purging large numbers of State Department officials and wants to reshuffle about a third of America's ambassadors. He is strongly placed to dominate US policy towards arms control talks with the Soviet Union.

He is installing new officials in the State Department who, in American terms, would accept the label "moderate". If he gets Senate approval for the planned ambassadorial changes – most of which are in Latin America, a *vital* area in US foreign policy – his control of the foreign service will be complete.

Congressional conservatives, who have enjoyed a powerful influence over the Reagan White House and often a decisive role in foreign affairs, are determined to stop Mr Shultz's quiet, ruthless campaign. They believe the ideological soul of the Administration is at stake.

The timing of Mr Shultz's assault is critical. He will head the Geneva talks on January 7 and 8 with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister. He plans to conduct most of the arms control negotiations himself. His principal right-hand man will be Paul Nitze, *his special assistant*. Other key arms control officials – most of whom have roots outside the State Department – are in effect being superseded.

He is obviously manoeuvring to influence President Reagan on Adminstration strategy in army control talks. While Mr Shultz wants to embark on all-embracing negotiations with Russia, conservatives favour a more limited, less conciliatory approach.

His main Cabinet-level adversary in the arms control arena is Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, who frequently seeks to intrude on Mr Shultz's foreign policy bailiwick. They do not get on. Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, the dean of Republican conservatives, is a key *congressional opponent* of Mr Shultz's "moderate" inclinations. Another is Representative Jack Kemp of New York.

Several events have conspired to help Mr Shultz move to the fore. One is the imminent departure of Mr Edwin Meese, the ultra-conservative White House counsellor and a personal friend of President Reagan, to become Attorney General. That will break a vital, powerful link between conservatives and the White House. Though Mr Meese will meet some Senate opposition, his appointment is virtually assured.

Another is the impending departure of Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, America's hardline representative to the United Nations. She is still jockeying for a key Administration job. She would have liked Mr Shultz's.

Her replacement, if Mr Shultz gets his way, will be somebody with a smaller ego, somebody who is happy to adopt a low profile and report directly to him rather than using the UN as a personal political and ideological platform. The job carries Cabinet status. It does not lend itself naturally to that kind of State Department control.

Mr Shultz's proposed reshuffle of ambassadors is the first high profile move of his campaign. Conservative senators are deciding whether to attempt to block some of the planned changes, but it probably will not come to that. Most conservatives believe that Mr Shultz will make a tactical retreat on some of the proposed changes.

In addition, he plans to change several State Department officials at the assistant secretary level. Most of them were political appointees inherited when he took over from Mr Alexander Haig two-and-a-half years ago. The official line is that those changes, as well as the proposed ambassadorial changes, are routine. Conservatives say that is nonsense, that it is obvious that Mr Shultz is "stacking the State Department with moderates" and attempting to dominate the Foreign Service.

President Reagan, although a conservative, is unlikely to thwart Mr Shultz or undermine his authority in any way. Mr Reagan likes to delegate full authority to his principal Cabinet officers. He will not want to become involved, though his conservative friends are urging him to do so.

Under Mr Shultz's guidance, it looks as though foreign policy will move closer to the centre. The staff changes so far made in the State Department – all at middle level – are referred to in conservative quarters as "the Christmas massacre".

One of the first casualties, conservatives fear, will be the administration's bellicose policies in Central America. The American mining last year of the Nicaraguan port of Corinto is not the sort of extreme gesture favoured by Mr Shultz.

Test-tube trio: Daniel, Rebecca and Jonathan Day, the first born triplets at Stanford Medical Centre, California, after *test-tube insemination*, are shown proudly a day after their birth on Boxing Day.

CBS team denied visa by Pretoria

Johannesburg (AP) – South Africa has refused visas for a black American television journalist, Ed Bradley, and five film crew members to cover Senator Edward Kennedy's visit here this week, according to the afrikaans-language *Rapport* newspaper.

Mr Bradley and the film crew were being sent by the CBS network's *60 Minutes* 233kly news programme, which recently carried a feature presenting a generally positive look at President Botha's moves away from strict apartheid, *Rapport* said the visa denial was an apparent attempt to forestall a second, more negative feature on South Africa.

Violence erupts in Mexican city

Piedras Negras, Mexico (AP) – Violence erupted in this border city when 2,000 supporters of an opposition candidate for mayor set fire to the town hall and other buildings as the new mayor, a member of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, was sworn in.

Police in Eagle Pass, Texas, closed the bridge to Piedras Negras, reopened earlier after protesters, alleging fraud in the mayorial election, blockaded it for three days.

Eyes down for bingo sex

Madrid – Police have closed a men-only bingo hall in Granada, where for 5,000 pesetas (£25) a card players competed for the services of any of 16 young women (Harry Debelius writes).

The services offered varied according to whether the winner had a vertical, horizontal or slanted line on his card. Police said some of the girls were minors and others university students.

Dissidents freed

Peshawar, (Reuter)–Pakistan has freed more than 30 political dissidents detained last week for alleged illegal political activities. They included Abdul Wali *Khan*, a former National Democratic Party leader in the National Assembly, and his wife.

Iberia deal

Madrid (Reuter) – Pilots of the state-run Iberia airline have called off a strike set for next Monday to back demands for shorter hours. Iberia has agreed to hire 34 more pilots and reinstate 10 dismissed during a strike last July.

Nuclear leak

Seoul (AP) – Newspaper reports said a nuclear power plant in Wolsong, 194 miles south of Seoul, owned by the state-run Korean Electric Power Company, has been closed for more than a month because of an accidental leak of radioactive water.

Oilmen rescued

Peking (AP) – A storm flooded China's big Shengli oilfield near the mouth of the Yellow River, forcing more than 2,000 workers to be evacuated by 600 militiamen and troops using rescue planes.

Sudan clash

Khartoum (AP) – Government troops overran a rebel camp in Bentiu, southern Sudan, killing 83 guerrillas and wounding several others, according to the armed forces General Command.

Daylight robbery

Valletta – A 400-year-old painting of St Jerome by Caravaggio was stolen from the museum of St John's Cathedral in Valletta during visiting hours on Saturday.

A bit nippy

Karachi (Reuter) – Animals – mainly dogs but also donkeys, horses and camels – bite more than 120 people a day in Karachi, according to the *Medical Gazette.*

President Siles Zuazo: Warned of plot.

Army chief ends his rebellion

La Paz (Reuter) – The Bolivian army general José Olvis Arias ended his rebellion against dismissal yesterday.

General Simon Sejas Tordoya the Commander-in-Chief said that General Olvis Arias had left military headquarters in the capital, where he had earlier proclaimed himself still in charge of the army after being dismissed on Saturday. He was on his way home.

General Raul López Leyton has been sworn in as army commander.

Sources in the Bolivian Workers' Confederation said union leaders had warned President Siles Zuazo on Friday night that General Olvis Arias was plotting a coup. That was the reason for the general's dismissal.

But General Olvis Arias said he respected the constitution and democracy. "It is totally false that I want a coup . . . I will not yield and I will resist my dismissal", he said.

He attributed the move to dismiss him to intrigues by the *commander-in-chief*, who he said was being disloyal to the army because of military rivalry.

Dollars at end of otter trail

Clermont-Ferrand (AFP) – M Christian Bouchardy, a 34-year-old employee of the French Welfare Administration, has won the Ford Foundation's \$5,000 (£4,300) nature conservation prize for more than 10 years of research on otter droppings.

Mr Bouchardy has collected more than 4,000 otter droppings, allowing him to study their eating habits. He said he had seen otters on only three occasions.

Pained Greens end their tense tour of Israel

From Moshe Brilliant, Tel Aviv

Members of the West German Greens party left Israel yesterday saying they were pained and hurt at being labelled anti-Semites and anti-Israel.

Their tension-filled Israeli visit was the last leg of a fact-finding tour which included Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

At a press conference before returning to West Germany, Herr Jurgen Reents conceded that the Greens as a German party were heard more critically in Israel than missions from other countries. He said the fact its members had not been born in the Nazi period did not permit them to disclaim responsibility for what had happened.

However, he said that what was really behind the accusations was the party's support for the rights of the Palestinians

Israeli officials had received the visitors coldly, *claiming that* their mission was nothing more than a pro Palestinian propaganda exercise and that their conclusions had been formulated before they left West Germany.

Herr Reents confirmed they had preconceived notions in support of an immediate and unconditional Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and of a Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state of Israel.

He said the mission had met Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader.

Prisoner nearly hacked his way to freedom

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

It will be a happy new year for Mr Scott Robinson who has been released from prison so he can spend New Year's Eve with his two young sons.

Mr Robinson was the man who almost made it home for Christmas. But he boasted to a cellmate how he had broken into the prison's computer code and changed his date of release so he could be with his children – and Santa Clara County sheriff's officials ruined those plans.

But Mr Robinson, aged 23, a lorry driver, was not punished for tampering with the computer, although the sheriff's office has launched an investigation to see if any other prisoners were sent home early *thanks to Mr Robinson's* generosity.

Mr Robinson was working as a trustee at the San José, California prison where he was serving an 11-month sentence for stealing video games. In the jail office with plenty of time on his hands he began to play with the prison computers – and learned how to break the machines' codes, hook up to inmates' records and switch his release date to December.

But while bragging abort his prowess on the keyboard a guard overheard him. Mr Robinson confessed all.

***Now he plans to study* computer programming in the future and give up lorry driving. "I think there's a good future in those machines," he said.**

Mother Teresa sees famine as God's lesson

Jijiga, Ethiopia (Reuter) Mother Teresa, the Nobel laureate, said in Ethiopia yesterday that the famine was God's way of teaching the world the lesson of charity.

"God is giving us the opportunity to give until it hurts," Mother Teresa told journalists in Jijiga who accompanied her to eastern Ethiopia.

She said she had asked the Marxist Government to let her set up a centre for the disabled, orphaned and sick in an Addis Ababa palace

"I told the Government I was not joking. They thought I was a bit off. It has nice big rooms; you journalists must come and help clean it," she said.

Niece's plea to embassy refugees

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn

The niece of Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, yesterday appealed in an open letter to the 60 or so East Germans in the West German Embassy in Prague to return home if they hoped to be allowed to emigrate to the West.

Frau Ingrid Berg, who sought refuge in the embassy in February but returned home after receiving a guarantee she and her family would be allowed to leave East Germany, described in a letter in *Bild am Sonntag* how they had left the building "with trembling knees". She was allowed to come to the West about a month later.

This time, however, East Berlin has refused to give any promises that the would-be emigrants, some of whom have been in the embassy for more than three months, will be allowed out. It has said they would not be punished, but has given a warning that this concession would be withdrawn if they did not return home soon.

About 40 of the refugees began a hunger strike to try to force Bonn to obtain exit permits for them. But they called it off. It was announced on Friday, after visits by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, and officials conducting the negotiations, who told them there was nothing more Bonn could do.

The talks with East Berlin continued over the Christmas holiday amid report that some of the refugees were preparing to go home. So far however, none of this hardcore has left, though about 90 of the original total of 150 people went back a month ago.

Herr Wolfgang Vogel, the East German lawyer entrusted to conduct the talks with Bonn in all such cases, telephoned the West German ambassador in Prague at the weekend and assured him that each case would be treated individually.

Campaign of terror against US bases

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Two bomb attacks on American army installations in Dusseldorf and near Manneheim at the weekend have strengthened fears here that the terrorist group , the Red Army Faction, has begun a new campaign against American military bases in West *Germany*.

No one was injured in the two explosions, which caused damage estimated at about DM 350,000 (£100,000). The target near Mannheim was an unguarded US army communications post in a field near a motorway. A big explosion at around 2am yesterday damaged radio equipment and aerials.

In Düsseldorf a bomb that was probably hidden in a fire extinguisher went off in American army offices situated among living quarters for the British Army of the Rhine. The fire caused by the blast was brought under control quickly.

Only hours before the attacks West Germany explosives experts defused a firebomb found in an American Air Force base in Wiesbaden. The bomb was apparently meant to explode at Christmas, as local newpapers received letters claiming responsibility by the Red Army Faction, dated "Christmas 84" *But for unexplained reasons the* bomb failed to go off.

Police have begun inquiries into the wave of attacks, which is thought to be linked to a hunger strike by many of the 39 imprisoned former members of the group who want to be kept in the same prison. On Friday about 15 supporters of the urban terrorists briefly occupied the offices of the Green Party in Hanover in support of the fast.

There have been about half a dozen bomb attacks in the past 10 days, including one before Christmas on a computing centre at Reutlingen and a car bomb at a Nato training school in Oberammergau

New charge in Flick case

Bonn. – A new charge of tax evasion is to be brought against Herr Eberhard von Brauchitsch, a former senior manager of the Flick Company who is about to go on trial with the former Economics Minister, Otto Graf Lambsdorff, on charges of corruption (Michael Binyon writes).

The Bonn public prosecutor said the charge was in connection with Flick donations to political parties which were illegally channelled through charitable foundations, thus avoiding tax.

Count Lambsdorff, his predecessor as Economics Minister, Herr Hans Friderichs and Herr von Brauchitsch are due in court on January 10. The two former ministers are accused of having accepted large sums of money for Free Democratic Party funds from Herr von Brauchitsch in return for a large tax waiver

Dam project shelved in Austria

Vienna (Reuter) – Chancellor Sinowatz of Austria, under intense pressure from environmentalists, has shelved plans to clear a controversial dam site.

He told journalists on Saturday that the Government had decided against resuming tree felling on January 4 at Hainburg, east of Vienna, where there were bloody clashes between police and environmentalists last week.

About 2,000 conservationists have been camping at the site to prevent what they regard as the destruction of the Auwald, one of Europe's last primeval forests.

The Chancellor had insisted earlier that work on the hydro-electric dam project, which has strong backing from trade unionists and industrialists, would go ahead. A national movement, however, has demanded a referendum to decide if the dam should be built.

Several people were injured when police and protesters battled last week, and the Government ordered a two-week halt to the tree felling.

The Chancellor said work would be postponed until emotions had cooled down. The Government, he said, would start looking at alternatives to Hainburg.

A new set of energy proposals to be discussed next week would include shelving the project, building several smaller plants instead, or building another big dam on a less controversial site.

Two held in train bomb inquiry

From John Earle, Rome

Police investigating the bomb explosion in a train in tunnel between florence and Bologna have detained for questioning two right-wing extremists in southern Tuscany.

They are the first to be held since the explosion a week ago in which 15 people died and 112 were injured.

The two men, Signor Franco Albiani and Signor Francesco Bumbaca, were detained at Arezzo and Chianciano respectively in a sweep on the houses of suspected extremists, after a meeting in Florence of police chiefs and investigating magistrates, presided over by the Interior Minister, Signor Oscar Scalfaro.

Both are reported to have had arms in their possession and are alleged to have had links with the extreme right-wing National Revolutionary Front.

In the past 10 years the stretch of railway line between Florence and Bologna has been attacked 12 times.

The Government is under heavy pressure from opposition parties to investigate both the attacks and allegations of complicity by secret service members.

Chess battle fizzles out with another draw

Moscow (Reuter) – Anatoly Karpov, the world chess champion, and the challenger, Gary Kasparov, agreed on a draw on Saturday in the 36th game of their match here.

Karpov, who leads 5-1 and needs just one more victore to keep his title, had sealed his 41st move on Friday after playing black in an exciting five-hour struggle. The two men ageed to a draw before play could be resumed the next afternoon.

The 37th game is scheduled for today. The match has lasted three-and-a-half monts so far.

Thirty-sixth game

Kasparov, white; Karpov, black

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3	Kt-KB3	P-Q4	4	Kt-B3	B-K2
5	B-Kt5	P-KR3	6	B-R4	O-O
7	P-K3	P-QKt3	8	B-K2	B-Kt2
9	R-QB1	PxP	10	BxP	QKt-Q2
11	O-O	P-B4	12	PxP	KtxP
13	Q-K2	P-R3	14	KR-Q1	Q-K1
15	Kt-K5	P-QKt4	16	KtxKtP	PxKt
17	BxKtP	B-R3	18	RxKt	BxR
19	BxB	Q-R5	20	BxKt	PxB
21	B-Kt5	QxP	22	Kt-Q7	B-K2
23	Q-Kt4ch	K-R1	24	KtxR	BxKt
25	Q-B3	B-K2	26	B-B4	Q-R2
27	Q-R5	K-Kt2	28	Q-Kt4ch	K-B1
29	B-B1	R-Q1	30	R-B1	Q-Kt1
31	R-B2	P-B4		Q-K2	R-Kt2
33	P-KKt3	R-QB1	34	P-R3	RxR
35	QxR	B-B3	36	P-Kt3	Q-Kt5
37	Q-Q1	Q-B6	38	K-Kt2	Q-B3ch
39	K-R2	Q-B4	40	B-K2	B-K2
41	K-Kt2	Q-B3ch (sealed)			

Draw agreed.

Minister sacked in Mauritania after two weeks

From Susan MacDonald
Dakar

The new President of Mauritania, Colonel Macuya Sid'Ahmed Ould Taya, has replaced his Foreign Minister, Major Cheikh Sid'Ahmed Ould Babamine, appointed when Colonel Ould Taya seized power on December 12.

The new Foreign Minister is Lieutenant-Colonel Ahmed Ould Minnih, who was appointed Minister of Justice after the coup, and was Foreign Minister under the previous regime.

Rebels bombard Kabul to mark invasion date

Islamabad (Reuter) – Afghan guerrillas eluded tough secutity to bombard Kabul with rockets on at least five nights last week to mark the fifth anniversay of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, Western diplomats said yesterday.

Despite a steady security build-up in the weeks leading up to the anniversary on December 27, rebels started hitting Soviet and Afghan military installations with 107mm rockets on December 24, the diplomats said.

The attacks went on until at least Friday night, damaging a school and a mosque and setting a warehouse on fire.

Guerrillas based in Peshawar quoted initial reports from couriers as saying that more than a dozen Afghan and Soviet soldiers were killed in the bombardments, an annual feature of the deadlocked war

In a rare glimpse at official statistics on communist losses, diplomats quoted unnamed official sources as saying 17 *Soviet and 46 Afghan soldiers* were killed in Kabul in November. Nine Khad secret police and 52 Afghan militiamen were also killed.

Digging in against Vietnamese

On guard: Guerrillas of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front preparing for a possible Vietnamese attack on Ampil base, as heavy fighting continues at Nong Samet near by.

Battle rages for base

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

One of the bloodiest battles of the war in Cambodia between guerrillas and Vietnamese forces is being fought at Nong Samet, a resistance base near the Thai border which the Vietnamese overran last week.

Thai army officers said the fighting and the casualties were the heaviest they had seen. The International Red Cross said casualties appeared to be heavy on both sides.

Guerrilla leaders said at least 30 of their men were killed in counter-attacks to recapture one section of the base. The Red Cross treated 90 severely-wounded Cambodians and others were waiting for attention. Many had been hit by shrapnel.

It is now known that since the fighting began on Christmas Day, more than a hundred guerrillas of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front have been killed. Before yesterday's battle, 90 Vietnamese had been killed, the front said.

After being bombarded yesterday for four hours by Vietnamese guns, 3,500 guerrillas launched counter-attacks.

The guerrillas, armed only with light weapons, fought against artillery, mortars, tanks and more than a thousand Vietnamese and Cambodian government soldiers. They claimed to have knocked out two Russian-made T54 tanks. It is uncertain how much of the sprawling Nong Samet camp the guerrillas have retaken. Earlier they said they were occupying half of it.

Twelve miles north-east of Nong Samet, Vietnamese tanks, armoured troop carriers and infantry were reported to be in position near the front headquarters at Ampil, the last of its bases still intact. Almost 5,000 guerrillas there expect an attack at any time.

Japanese boost for defence

From David Watts
Tokyo

Defence spending and overseas aid were the only areas of government spending allowed sizeable increases next year when haggling over the Japanese budget ended at the weekend.

The Finance Ministry had tried to cut virtually all purchases of new front-line equipment presented by the defence agency before Christmas and had sought to hold back further increases in overseas aid.

It was forced to give way on both counts in spite of what the Government billed as an "austerity budget". Spending in the fiscal year 1985 will be 3.7 per cent above 1984's figure at 52.499 billion yen (about £175 billion).

Defence spending for the new year will rise by 6.9 per cent and overseas aid by 10 per cent, the latter in order to meet Japan's commitment to double its overseas aid by the end of next year.

The Defence Agency will be allowed to proceed with the purchase of the Patriot ground-to-air missile defence system from the United States, 14 more McDonnell-Douglas F-15 Eagle fighters and 10 Orion anti-submarine aircraft.

The Finance Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, is continuing to take a tough line with public spending in an attempt to reduce Japan's burgeoning public debt.

But despite the ministry's stringency, money was found to start work on two Shinkansen "bullet" train lines, to help Japan to participate in the US manned space station project and to start research on large rockets capable of putting satellites in orbit.

Nakasone expects rough ride in US

From Our Own Correspondent, Tokyo

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japan's Prime Minister, will be President Reagan's first VIP foreign visitor of the new year in a bold attempt to influence the policies of the new US Cabinet and head off serious trade frictions.

The meeting, at Mr Nakasone's initiative, indicates an urgent need to tackle several issues before key appointments to the new Cabinet are announced, and before the new round of US contacts with the Soviet Union begins in Geneva on January 7.

Overshadowing the meeting will be an American trade deficit with Japan which is expected to reach $35 billion (£30 billion) this year and perhaps $40 billion or more next year.

The US Government will be under stronger pressure than ever to get tough with the Japanese. Although Mr Reagan has said it is difficult to take a hard line with his friend "Yasu" the Japanese are preparing themselves for some rough sailing on January 2. The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Mr Shintaro Abe, the Foreign Minister.

Among the trade issues the Americans will press will be market access for American telephone and communications equipment manufacturers when the Japanese national telephone system becomes privatized next April. The Japanese have indicated that foreigners will no be permitted to buy into the new private company at its formation and there is little chance of American firms being able to sell equipment to the new company.

Another issue, symbolically of greater importance because of its status as the totem of all trade issues, will be future US imports of Japanese cars. The present round of "self-restraint" measures by Japanese manufacturers ends in March.

In either case, the Japanese response will be to emphasize recent market opening measures, liberalization of the yen, which the Americans believe will relieve some of the trade imbalance, and a willingness to consult in the future.

Some Japanese press reports this weekend suggested Tokyo might offer to reactivate a cabinet-level Japan-US committee on trade and economic affairs which has not met since 1973.

A senior Foreign Ministry official dealing with North American affairs said the Japanese would be emphasizing that Japan's trade balance with the United States was only part of a global phenomenon and that any attempts to manage trade between the two countries would go against Mr Nakasone's free trade principles.

Although the trade problems are a key concern for Mr Nakasone, threatening his vital relationship with the United States, he is also concerned that Washington take into account Japanese views in the nw round of talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva.



Mr Nakasone and Mr Abe: Expecting tough talks.

Old guard bows to Deng as 40 officers resign

Peking (Reuter) – China has announced the resignation of about 40 senior army officers to help to rejuvenate and modernize its four million-strong armed forces.

The *Liberation Army Daily* said the senior officers, some ranking just below the chief and deputy chiefs of the general staff, resigned earlier this month to make way for younger men. Most of the officers, all serving at the General Staff Headquarters, were aged over 60.

Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, who controls the forces by being head of China's Central Military Commission, called in November for older officers to make way for younger ones, saying: "I hope to see more open-minded people in the Army."

China is in the middle of a modernization programme for its large but ill-equipped armed forces. Mr Deng wants to introduce younger, better educated officers who understand modern technology to replace the revolutionary fighters who joined the People's Liberation Army during Mao Tse-tung's struggle for power in the 1930s and 1940s.

Most officers are now drawn from about one hundred military academies established by the Army, which is gradually being changed into a more professional force from the highly politicized and privileged body it was under Chairman Mao.

● HOME OWNERSHIP: Businesses and Government departments in Peking will start selling state-owned flats to their employees from the beginning of the new year, the city administration said yesterday (Reuter reports).

The move is part of a plan to develop home ownership

● ARTISTIC FREEDOM: China's writers, held in artistic bondage since the "anti-rightist" purge of 1957, have been promised more freedom to express their own feelings and told they no longer will be political targets (AP reports).

Ceremony missed by Marcos

Manila (Reuter) – President Marcos failed to appear at celebrations yesterday marking the 88th anniversary of the death of the Philippines' national hero, José Rizal. Instead he was represented by the Prime Minister, Mr Cesar Virata.

According to the official programme, the President, his wife Imelda and family members were to lay a wreath at the Rizal monument in central Manila and put the national flag to half-mast.

A palace spokesman gave no reason for Mr Marcos's failure to appear at the ceremony.

The President, aged 67, who is recovering from an illness, putted for about an hour on Saturday on the palace's golf course, one of the few times he has been seen outdoors since going down with what was described as influenza, allergies and asthma.

THE ARTS

Television: **Dennis Hackett** surveys the trials and treasures of 1984

Charting one's course twixt mud and stars

"Que sais-je?" asked Montaigne, who, of course, did not have a television set to confuse him. There are now nearly 15,000 hours a year of television available; only 8,760 hours in which to watch it. If, as it neither sharpens the appetite nor aids the digestion, one eliminated breakfast television entirely, and allowed personal prejudices to preclude, say, the ubiquitous Wogan, somehow incomplete without a saucer of milk, Noel Edmonds, Jimmy Hill, Harry Carpenter, hairdressing long-runners such as *Dynasty* and *Dallas*, and all quiz and chat shows, the choice remains incredible.

A reviewer has to make it. On this page I have reviewed 196 programmes in 1984, which means I have seen three times as many as a duty and hundreds of news and current affairs reports and other programmes in pursuit of entertainment or information.

Such saturation may be prejudicial to judgement and, sorting through the lumber, one has also to remember the lines "Two men look out through the same bars; one sees mud – and one sees stars".

So what do I know of 1984 television? What do I remember? The strangest things. For instance, a Chinese proverb from Channel 4's notable *Heart of the Dragon*: "We can't eat a steamed bun in one bite." It sticks in the mind though I have not fathomed it let alone found occasion to use it. Until now.

I remember, too, slime moulds, new and unpromising to me when Professor John Tyler Bonner began talking about them on BBC 2's *Horizon*. But, as he explained how similar their properties were to those of embryos and the connotations this could have for human cell growth, it suddenly seemed possible to believe that "by looking at the world through the eyes of a slime mould" he had gained a perspective of larger problems.

Television is a great scatterer of random information and scientific information in particular. Science, as it usually does, had a good year. David Attenborough's *The Living Planet*, on BBC1, marched lucidly through 12 parts with no loss of enthusiasm from Mr Attenborough nor interest for viewers. Central's *The Good, The Bad, and the Indefensible*, by David Jones, smaller in scale, proved unexpectedly fascinating and, occasionally, alarming, as it dealt with the effects of electro-magnetism on people.

On the theology front, by contrast, the Almighty may consider it a year when television could have done better. First, there was LWT's *Jesus: The Evidence* on Channel 4, timed, it seemed, to do maximum damage at Easter or thereabouts but so graphically bizarre and textually confused that it became just a bore. Then there was BBC 2's expensive *The Sea of Faith*. This was earnest and extremely well researched. Its energetic presenter was Don Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, a minor Mr Attenborough in his globe-trotting, which was by no means entirely necessary to make his point. He donated us the idea that though God did not exist we should behave as though he did.

The BBC was on surer ground in documentaries. Its excellent *All Our Working Lives*, with its diligent research and splendid use of archive material, was a classic to stand, perhaps, against that old benchmark, *The World at War*. Its series *SOE* was also compulsive viewing. Channel 4's *Algeria* was a splendid documentary and, on the lighter side, the BBC was very good with Edward Mirzoeff's *The Other Half*, five studies in partnerships with that admirably unobtrusive interviewer John Pitman, and lately with Mr Mirzoeff's *Italians*.

On the arts side, *Omnibus* swings listlessly while Melvyn Bragg maintains steady progress with *The South Bank Show*. Mr Bragg is unassuming and can be unobtrusive too. He demonstrated it in his memorable programme on Claudio Arrau.

But the high point of the year, stretching from January to April, was Granada's *Jewel in the Crown*. Its start, ironically, coincided with the year's biggest slice of ham, BBC1's *The Thorn Birds*. The author, Colleen McCullough, is reputed not to have thought much of this version but I remember it with some affection because of that marvellous line husked by that ageing husker Barbara Stanwyck at Richard Chamberlain's young priest: "Kiss me on the lips as though we were lovers."

There were no infelicities in script or casting in *The Jewel*, which, directed by Christopher Morahan, who also produced, and Jim O'Brien, caught the atmosphere of Paul Scott's quartet unbelievably well. Daphne Manners, Merrick, Barbie and good old Sarah Layton will surely walk again: 15,000 hours of television, even less the Leap Year bonus, make a lot of time to fill.



Atmosphere brilliantly captured: Tim Pigott-Smith in Granada's *The Jewel in the Crown*

Peter Ackroyd on weekend programmes

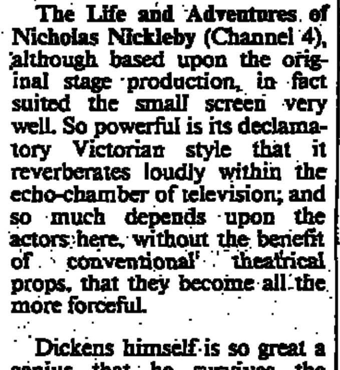
Come On Down! (BBC 1) examined the world of American game-shows. Hatchet-faced "hosts", wearing suits which resemble the flags of all the nations, wield more power than anyone else on American television – with the possible exception of the video-preachers; they talk so fast that their words (if that is what they are) are indistinguishable, and they smile so much that their dimples have moved up to their temples.

The contestants have a hard act to follow, then, but most of them manage it by remaining in a continuous state of hyper-activity. There are, in fact, "professional contestants" whose major qualification appears to be the ability to become hysterical at a moment's notice: "I appropriately say cute and funny things when the occasion warrants", as one of them explained to Barry Norman in last night's programme.

Mr Norman stayed very calm as he entered the maelstrom, and he came out the other side chastened but unharmed. His documentary was, as a result, filled with interesting information: there are, for example, some fifty million single people in the United States, most of whom have appeared on a game-show called *Love Connections* in which the prize is the contestant. The larger prizes go elsewhere: a successful game will distribute some four million dollars a year to the lucky few who have for a moment been plucked from obscurity, but it will also acquire some fifty million dollars in advertising revenue. No wonder these shows have come to represent the American dream. Everyone gets something for nothing, and many of us are entertained in the process.

The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby (Channel 4), although based upon the original stage production, in fact suited the small screen very well. So powerful is its declamatory Victorian style that it reverberates loudly within the echo-chamber of television; and so much depends upon the actors here, without the benefit of conventional theatrical props, that they become all the more forceful.

Dickens himself is so great a genius that he survives the transition from one medium to another – even, in this case, such a rare hybrid. But it was a wonderful production, the principal virtue of which being that it moved from comedy to sentimental tragedy with almost as much speed and vigour as the novelist himself. And David Threlfall, as Smike, is unforgettable.



Theatre

Humpty Dumpty
Dominion

As the traditional Christmas repertory happens to lack a story featuring a Northern comedian and a talking duck, Keith Harris and Orville break into the London panto scene with a fable that gives them a free hand. Wafted into the Land of Nursery, Orville – a lonely bird at the best of times – gets stranded among a pack of Kate Greenaway walk-ons, little realizing thet the great egg perched on the palace garden wall conceals the person of Mr Harris, whose cheery features burst out of the shattered remains at the first crack of the witch's double-joints.

The manifest purpose of this, and subsequent episodes, is to show how ventriloquism has moved with the times. Not only does Mr Harris keep the double-act going without the slightest trace of mouth-movement; he can also walk off stage and leave Orville to moan and roll those pitiful eyes without assistance.

Jointly, their act consists largely of soliciting "ahs" for something cuddly and defenceless and then sending up the response rotten: a response Mr Harris works to the limit in the finale (much the funniest part of the show) with an aggressively competitive monkey that would clearly like to see Orville dished up with orange sauce.

The price of enjoying such flashes of a skilful double-act is the surrounding show, which is handsomely dressed, occasionally spectacular and makes very little sense, even on the usual panto level. Humpty may fall off his wall but, apart from a brief cavalcade of red-coated tots, there is no sign of anyone trying to put him together again. Instead Mr Harris climbs out of the shell asking "Who am I?", and goes through the rest of the show as a Simple Simon figure in harlequin pantaloons, who has to combine village idiot comedy with the heroic role of aiding Tom Tucker in rescuing Princess Mary-Mary from the clutches of the witch.

Peter Lea and Clive Hicks-Jenkins's script is a reckless stew of fairy-tales worthy of a pantomime cookery scene. And even without the interruptions of the banal score (Bobby Crush) it repeatedly leaves you wondering when Aladdin is going to find the glass slipper.

There is a school scene (with much whacking), a fairground scene with inset harlequinade, and, when Tommy leads his conquering forces to the witch's castle, it is straight into bed for the haunting routine.

Jacqui Scott deploys a fine searing voice as the captive princess; and there is an effective assortment of lighting effects, monsters and green-faced ghouls. With any luck, it will give Orville nightmares.

Irving Wardle

PUBLISHING

A league too far

The National Book League makes publishers, booksellers, some librarians and even authors feel guilty. Book-lovers love it. It is appropriate to remember it at this time of year although, like an awkward relative who moves away from one's vicinity, it is easier to forget it.

The reason for its departure in 1980 from an elegant town house in Albemarle Street, Piccadilly – almost opposite the publishers John Murray – was, inevitably, financial. When the NBL was near to the heart of bookland it was constantly used as a meeting place by book-lovers and, perhaps more importantly, by book-trade people, for socializing and for meetings. It had a pleasant restaurant which served salads, quiches and the like, although it took for ever to get a drink. The manageress gave the impression that a glass of wine should not be necessary if you already imbibed books.

The Book League now occupies what was previously Wandsworth Town Hall, a monolithic Victorian public building of no especial distinction but refurbished adequately. The building has been renamed Book House, which suggests a nervous lack of confidence either in the product or the place. However, the renaming was probably necessary as, walking past 45 East Hill, SW18 2QZ, you would not otherwise expect or know the NBL to be there: not exactly in the sticks (or across the Styx) but, frankly, it is a singularly inconvenient place – however much its director protests the contrary – to find the country's Mecca of books.

A recruiting brochure, surely in desperation, declares: "Book House is well served by buses and British Rail Southern Region. Ample free on-street parking is available." Leaving aside the vile prose, it is less surprising that there is parking in the street than that, if you cannot stomach the tortoise-like meanderings of a bus, it is necessary to find a railway station before discovering the NBL.

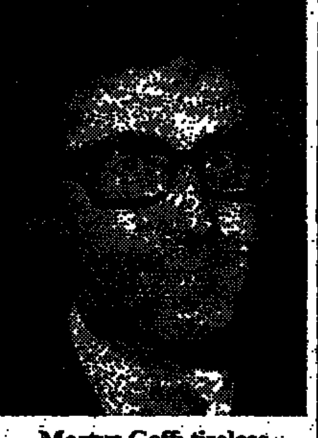
It may be thought that the location is immaterial as most of the League's work is back-room activity. It organizes scores of specialized touring exhibitions each year. It issues book lists, and houses a lending library of books about books. It administers numerous literary prizes, including the Booker. It has an indefatigable Book Information Service, and does an incredible amount for children's books.

Founded in 1925 as the National Book Council, with the principal aim of fostering the growth of a wider "and more discriminating" interest in books, it became an educational charity in 1951. Its membership two decades ago was 10,000 but is now a paltry 4,000, which is why it needs its Arts Council subsidy, although that grant has been static for three years: thus the real "loss" is over £30,000 a year. The membership fee is £9 for an individual, £25 for a corporate body, which includes publishing houses. Frank Delaney has recently become chairman.

The director is Martyn Goff, OBE. His predecessors were John Hadfield and J. E. Morpurgo, Allen Lane's biographer. Mr Goff – and not only because of the exotic spelling of his first name – should long since have become Sir Martyn. It would no doubt delight him but, more significantly, would make the work of this tireless, remorseless crusader for the British book within Britain that little bit easier.

Mr Goff became director in 1970. He has been a huge success, and become so identified with the place and its multifarious activities that it is hard to think of someone to replace him. The salary is meagre, and Mr Goff can only afford to run the League because of his other activities: bookselling, reviewing, writing novels.

The book trade made a grievous error in allowing the NBL to move to Wandsworth. However much the Royal Academy, National Theatre, British Film Institute or Arts Council may like the idea of premises infinitely cheaper than those they occupy in the centre of the metropolis, the thought of being banished to a borough described as reachable by British Rail has not, rightly, been seriously contemplated. Both the book trade and literature are weakened, even diminished, by the NBL's exile.



Martyn Goff: tireless crusader for the book

No single person – not Jeffrey Archer, nor William Golding, nor even Desmond Clarke – has done more for British books in the last two decades than Martyn Goff, yet he should go. The view of books which he promulgates belongs to the 1960s and 1970s. It was not remotely his fault that the NBL – the name should be changed, too; "League" smacks of Empire and patronage, worthiness and piety – had to leave Albemarle Street. It is the fault, and fault it is, mainly of fat publishers who are concerned for "the book" only when their profits are tumbling. To pretend that the mighty world of contemporary English letters can be promoted from Wandsworth is reckless.

A replacement must be found for Mr Goff. Maybe the best solution would be for the Book Marketing Council, child of the Publishers' Association though it is, to absorb the NBL. We can no longer afford the genteel, under-capitalized proselytizing of an independent organization. The future of the British book is too important for that. And, whether we like it or not, it is publishers who have the money, who need the book to survive.

E. J. Craddock

Concert

Chilingirian Quartet
Wigmore Hall

Perhaps the Chilingirian Quartet had not quite surfaced from the Christmas deluge. Or perhaps it was that, like all too many, they genuinely felt indifferent on this occasion to Haydn's music. Either way, from their lifeless, timid opening in that composer's "Sunrise" Quartet, Op 76 No 4, to their monochromatic version of its finale, it was apparent that they were unwilling to invest much imagination in the work.

The Adagio was far too slow, its pedestrian effect exacerbated by some shapeless and seamless phrasing, though to be fair there was a welcome rhythmic life in the Menuetto. But on this evidence the Chilingirian have a few cobwebs to sweep aside if their Haydn is to be taken at all seriously.

After this not exactly encouraging beginning, Jonathan Williams arrived to play Mozart's Horn Quintet, K407, and his presence inspired music-making that was several degrees more positive.

Mozart's challenge to the horn player remains a daunting one, even given the comparative sophistication of today's instrument, yet Williams was able to negotiate even the most violinistic passages with magisterial control, phrasing intelligently and colouring his sound imaginatively into the bargain. But again I found the slow movement, modestly marked Andante, a trifle leaden-footed, and still the sweetness of the strings cloyed rather than tantalized.

Beethoven simply does not permit indifference from his performers, so it was perhaps unsurprising that the Chilingirian were heard at their best in the second "Rasumovsky" Quartet. The disparate ideas that are flung one by one into the melting pot of the extraordinary first movement were here uncompromisingly contrasted, but the Chilingirian's attention to details of dynamic and articulation, their innate sense of impetus, and their apparent awareness of each other's parts made for a movement that sounded miraculously unified.

Elsewhere, the reading was not without its faults. The long, sublime Adagio seemed to lose its way near the end, and certainly the playing was riddled with imperfections, the most annoying of which was the first violin's intonation, which had been erratic all night. But those are small quibbles in the face of the fact that this composer, at least, was given something like the justice due to him.

Stephen Pettitt

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Britain: a child's message from the coalfields

A year of suspense

The Comet, baleful, portentous, betokening the overthrow of rulers and confounding of prophets, is somewhere in the outer darkness at this moment, hurtling towards us. If the astronomical timetables are adhered to, it will spread its great tail across the sky just before Christmas next year. Or else (you never can tell with comets) it will creep dimly, as if it had used up all its virtue terrifying pre-historic Chinese emperors, toppling King Harold, and conferring immortality on the name of Edmond Halley.

Many beggars starved this year without benefit of any sign from heaven, other than Hercules transporter planes – too late, too few and too entwined with red tape. Since Halley's Comet last passed by 75 years ago, history has advanced to the extent of two world wars and hundreds of little ones, scores of revolutions. And more devices – both to ease our lives or snuff them out – have been invented in that time than perhaps in all the centuries since the flying arrow killed King Harold.

The Comet will find us more cramped, more ingenious, but fundamentally less changed than we might think.

This year presumably counts as a minor one on the celestial vintage charts, for there has been no notable comet to distinguish it – only a thunderbolt. But if this has been a quiet year, we may feel that we could be spared an exciting one. Even the thunderbolt, a very emphatic statement in its way, was as usual ambiguous on close inspection. When lightning set fire to York Minster the night after the Bishop of Durham had been confirmed in office there, did it imply a divine distaste for scriptural revisionism, for clerics sitting on political fences, or simply for talkative bishops? Or was it a sign, subliminally understood and acted on, that God would not tolerate any more pussyfooting about women priests?

No signs from heaven guided the course of the coal strike. Superficially, British politics had one of its most tumultuous years in memory – certainly since 1974, probably since 1926, perhaps since the beginning of the century. Yet there was a curious sense in which 1984 was politically a quiet year, a year of suspense. In terms of heads broken, property burned and brute force coming to grips with brute force on a large scale, it was unprecedented. But picket line conflict drew so irresistibly attention and loyalties that a strange stillness fell over other aspects of political life. The future alignment of political forces and perhaps the character of society were being determined far from Westminster.

It was a poignant torment for the Labour movement. Nostalgia for the simplicities of the class struggle made it impossible to reject the only group of workers putting up a significant resistance to rampant Thatcherism. The strikers were unprecedentedly visible sitting over their collecting buckets outside public libraries, with only too much time to spare to chat and dispel the bogey image.

But with anguish and hesitation, the movement as a whole found itself unready to help bring about a victory which would unavoidably commit the movement to the dialectic of the pickaxe-handle. So with words of encouragement and Christmas parcels, they drew the consequently doomed strikers into losses it would take years to make up. Thus that new thing in British politics, a significant minority deeply alienated from the state, was being gradually brought into being.

As for Mr Scargill, framing the issue in terms which ensured that compromise meant capitulation for either side, he rode high on the morale of his troops, adamant in breathing no criticism of whatever means they adopted in pursuit of their end, until after eight months he mellowed to the point of declaring, after the taxi driver was murdered in South Wales "that the NUM dissociates itself from any acts of this kind *which occur anywhere away from the picket line.*"

No votes were cast either in the year's second most dramatic event in British politics. Unidentified lobbyists laid a bomb in the Grand Hotel, Brighton, set to explode during the Tory Party conference. It was an unanswerable contribution to the Ulster debate in its way: four people were completely silenced by it, several others will bear the scars for life. The Prime Minister herself would probably have been silenced too had she not put off going to bed to finish one more Cabinet paper, a characteristic Samuel Smiles touch. A few hours later she appeared without a hair out of place to reap the political rewards due to elected leaders unintimidated by the argument of violence.

It was a not unrewarding year for diplomats, with agreement at last over the EEC budget, and a treaty over Hong Kong which appeared handsome if you could trust the Chinese (and you had to).

But Westminster itself was oppressed by an uneasy sense that the real events in home politics were happening elsewhere. There was more opposition from the Government's own back benches than from the other side, and the most notable mark was made by speeches from peers of around a century old. The metropolitan gad-flies once again succeeded in diverting the Government from its mission of enacting a new Beveridge. The GCHQ trade unionists were insulted by the offer of mere money, and took it. Little Miss Tisdall was sent to prison.

Economic recovery, long heralded and feeble, brought no relief to unemployment nor to the piecemeal erosion of public services; the comfortable majority found their earnings rising faster than inflation, as usual; the petro-pound sank from all-time low to all-time low until it was so obviously not worth the paper it was written on that it became necessary to abolish the pound note.

Proving once again that for a true star it is not the lines you speak, but the way you put them across, President Reagan emerged as the world's foremost Keynesian and peacemaker, presiding benignly over a budget-deficit recovery. He disengaged himself with aplomb from the Lebanon with heavy loss of lives but none of votes. Prosperity, peace and an enthusiastic campaign endorsement from Mr Gromyko: it was a wonder anyone voted for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket at all. The morning after the election, the bills began to come in, and advocates of expansion around the world were depressed to observe that the iron laws of economics applied even to the United States. It was not clear at the end of the year whether the president himself had yet been informed of this.

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In Russia an invisible invalid was succeded by a visible invalid, wheezing and bewildered. A macabre game of musical chairs seemed to be in progress, in which the prize of determining the future of the country would go to whichever of Stalin's operatives lasted the longest. In the meantime, political initiative stood in arrest here too. The old machine, still ticking over, arranged for the murder of an inconvenient Polish priest, much to the embarrassment of all those who perceived that communism was beginning to look its age.

At the opposite end of the political spectrum, so was apartheid. Having subdued his neighbours and declared himself president, Mr Botha experimented by letting genies out of bottles on a limited scale. The genies still corked kicked like mad, but since it was mainly their own homes they were kicking down, the comfortable classes were able to look on untroubled. Things not at all conducive to business interests happened in Zimbabwe, and the proprietor of *The Observer* was bewildered to find them reported in his paper.

Trade unionists in Libya expressed their solidarity with the struggle of the British miners, and Libyan diplomats in London shot a British policewoman.

In the Gulf, the Exocets made steady progress towards eliminating the world surplus of tanker tonnage, and a perpetual war spilled yet more blood upon territory supposed to have been the site of the Garden of Eden.

For much of the year, India was in vogue. *The Jewel in the Crown* teased our memories of power and guilt over the Raj; *Gandhi* and *Heat and Dust* were on the rounds; Peggy Ashcroft was playing hordes of memsahibs, and tourism prospered. But in India itself the problem of Indian-ness was more than a picturesque spectacle. As if the IRA had seized Brompton Oratory and declared a little Libya there, Sikh nationalists seized and fortified the Golden Temple. After long prevarication, Mrs Gandhi sent the troops in. She retained Sikhs in her entourage, and before long expiated the bloodshed in perhaps the only way possible for India's wounds to heal. Her son, of whom no-one knew either good or ill, had hardly taken office when the Bhopal disaster killed 2,500 and blinded an uncounted number. Never in history, probably, had human error killed so many at one stroke.

Most notable avoided mishap of the year: in the hustle surrounding Mrs Gandhi's funeral, a plane flew from Delhi to London carrying Mrs Thatcher; the Foreign Secretary; the leaders of the Labour, Liberal and Social Democratic parties; Princess Anne, and the Irish Prime Minister. This plane did not crash.

It was also Olympic year. At those glittering auditions for athletes about to become professional and rich, Britain had its share of heroes to set beside the incomparable Carl Lewis – Daley Thompson, Tessa Sanderson, Sebastian Coe (and Steve Ovett for trying). But the principal heroes, practically elevated to royalty, were Torvill and Dean, who had the entire country awash with Ravel's Bolero for months on end.

England's cricketers astonished observers and themselves in December by winning their first Test in thirteen after an unprecedented run of frustration and humiliations. Liverpool won the European Cup, the League title and the Milk Cup. Zola Budd flashed into our ken and out again like some brilliant comet, leaving an uncomfortable impression that the worlds of sport and politics had both been found wanting.

It was not all Ravel and maharajahs in the world of the arts. Rather a lot of good novels came out (Brookner, Ballard, Amis, Carter . . .), not all of which could win the Booker Prize. A Booker-style Turner Prize to market painting was instituted and the first winner was Malcolm Morley. We lost a loveable Poet Laureate and gained a baleful one.

It was the year the Cambridge eight rowed full tilt into a barge; the year the turkeys were poisoned and the Mars Bars were not; the year the trains kept coming off the rails; the year Frankie went to Hollywood; the year of Adrian Mole, Hedgehog crisps and the greening of Liverpool. The tabloids competed to be the first to hand some lucky reader a million pounds,

It was the driest summer for nearly ten years, then the wettest autumn. Nature usually makes up its imbalances, if allowed to. Man's growing power to tamper with the process has no such tendency to equilibrium. The Mexico City explosion and Bhopal, technology to guard against famine poisoned thousands; in Ethiopia a famine largely man-made starved tens of thousands. Acid rain withered our forests and radioactive outfalls poisoned the seafood, while the leaders of the great powers elaborated their Star Wars scenarios.

If the Comet casts its single glaring eye down as it passes next year, it may be inclined to wonder whether it will find any of us left next time it visits.

George Hill

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 532)

ACROSS
1 Natural gift (5)
4 Lost weight (7)
8 Fast sailing vessel (5)
9 Inorganic material (7)
10 Guiding (8)
11 Waistband (4)
13 Attack on authority (4,7)
17 Fortune (4)
18 Stocky (8)
21 Characteristic (7)
22 Itemized records (5)
23 Dissenter (7)
24 Fine fabric (5)

DOWN
1 Stop (6)
2 Complete (5)
3 Witty reply (8)
4 Papal church member (5,8)
5 Sand ridge (4)
6 True (7)
7 Make wider (6)
12 Alcides (8)
14 Absconder (7)
15 Grasp firmly (6)
16 Stagnation (6)
19 Rope fibre (5)
20 Scottish native (4)

THE TIMES

JANUARY

1: Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Buhari emerged as new military ruler of Nigeria after almost bloodless coup on New Year's Eve. His regime was pledged to end corruption and inefficiency: it was the fourth military intervention since 1966.
Documents declassified under the 30-year rule showed that Peron tried to buy Falklands islands from British Government in 1953.
2: The Queen asked Fleet Street editors to call off photographers and reporters who had been harassing the Royal Family during their New Year holiday at Sandringham.
Declassified documents showed Churchill's opposition to the concept of independent television and therefore his reluctance to break the BBC's monopoly.
3: Habib Bourguiba, President of Tunisia, declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew after food riots.
Lieut. Robert Goodman was released by Syria after intervention by the Revd Jesse Jackson.
Britain lifted barriers against imported milk.
Blizzards brought disruption in northern areas.
Compensation paid to six cancer victims at Sellafield power station, but plant would not accept liability.
7,000 men were sent home as NUM overtime ban was extended to a tenth week.
4: Equity dropped its opposition to working during the weekend, leading to speculation that London West End theatres might experiment with Sunday opening.
Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, reprimanded a judge who attacked as "an affront to British justice" a decision by FW Woolworth to prosecute a widow for alleged shoplifting.
5: King Husain reconvened his national Parliament for its first formal session since the West Bank was conquered by Israel 16 years ago.
National shipyard strike called off less than 24 hours before it was due to start.
Jaguar Cars announced record world sales of £550 million.
Peugeot officials in Paris announced closure of plant after 55 people were injured in violent demonstrations.
6: Sir Keith Joseph announced ambitious plans to reform school examination curricula.
9: 10 English regions of NHS to be given extra cash in next financial year as part of plan to boost cash for poorer health regions.
Shares surged to record on Stock Exchange with FT 30-share index closing at 800 points.
11: Dr Kissinger's commission on Central America reported.

Geoffrey Boycott



recommending expenditure of $8,000 million (£5,755 million) between 1985 and 1990.
Revolt of winding men against overtime ban continued to spread, particularly in traditionally moderate areas.
12: Two British lorry drivers were held hostage by demonstrating French farmers. Mr Neil Kinnock raised the "disgraceful" affair with President Mitterrand.
New Cross Building Society, with 25,000 investors, taken over by the Woolwich.
13: US issued detailed rebuttal of many of the Soviet claims made at the suspended Geneva intermediate-range nuclear force reduction talks.
Sir Geoffrey Howe upset Israelis with remarks made during a visit to Saudi Arabia urging Jerusalem to recognize the rights of Palestinians to self-determination.
16: Mr Tony Benn chosen as Labour candidate for Chesterfield, winning one third of ballot.
17: Mr Edward Heath led Tory revolt against rate capping, voting with Opposition against a three-line whip.
18: President of the American University in Beirut shot down.
NGA announced it was returning to court to purge its contempt of an order forbidding unlawful picketing.
Herr Manfred Wörner, the West German Defence Minister, dismissed General Gunter Kiessling, the Deputy Commander of Nato on grounds of security risk.
19: A TUC document, *Strategy for the Future*, said unions must adapt to changing circumstances.
20: Young jewellery valuer hid a necklace worth £750,000 from armed robbers who raided Christie's.
Inflation announced to be at lowest level for 16 years.
Mr Michael Heseltine visited Falklands.
21: Mr Peter Heathfield, leader of Derbyshire miners, elected as General Secretary of NUM, a victory for the left.
First test tube triplets born in Britain.
23: Britain in grip of Arctic blizzards; nine dead.
Mr Francis Pym led abstention by more than 12 Conservative MPs against 1984-85 rate support grant proposals.
Committee of Yorkshire County Cricket Club resigned over Geoffrey Boycott.
Strike by National Union of Seamen halted ferries.
24: One-day strike by teachers closed 11,000 schools in London.
Mrs Thatcher defended her son's privacy against Commons questions about his part in gaining an Omani contract for a company with which he was associated.
25: Staff at GCHQ deprived of their union membership.
British Shipbuilders announced they were to shut down three yards and shed 1,872 jobs.
26: Mr James Prior fought off demands for his resignation after publication of a highly critical report on the escape of 38 IRA members from the Maze Prison.
27: Civil servants in the Cabinet Office and Treasury walked out in protest over the GCHQ decision.
29: President Reagan announced he was seeking re-election, encouraged by his best opinion poll figures for two years.
30: Government announced plans to raise Parliamentary deposits from £150 to £1,000.
South Africa disengaged its forces from Angola.

FEBRUARY

1: General Kiessling was rehabilitated but announced he was taking early retirement.
Norwegians banned nine Soviet diplomats.
2: The Council of Civil Service Unions issued a list of seven government intelligence installations previously regarded as secret.
Mrs Thatcher flew to Budapest.
Mr Barney Hayhoe, Treasury Minister, announced sites of six free ports.
Britain agreed to take part in oil convoys through Strait of Hormuz.
4: President Gemayel's Cabinet resigned.
President Reagan told his doctors to "reveal all" about his health.
6: Muslims captured western half of Beirut.
The space shuttle, Challenger, launched a satellite but it went into useless orbit: its third failure.
7: British troops pulled out of Lebanon after US Marines announced their withdrawal.
Captain Bruce McCandless became first person to enter space without safety lines and the first to move in a void

Konstantin Chernenko



8: Opening of fourteenth Winter Olympiad in Sarajevo.
9: Sultan of Johore elected King of Malaysia.
President Alfonsin launched investigation into corruption under military regime.
10: Death of Yuri Andropov after 15 months' rule.
Mr Harold Macmillan created an earl on his 90th birthday.
13: Konstantin Chernenko became the new General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.
14: Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill won Olympic gold medal.
Public warned to stay away from Sellafield beaches because of accidental discharge of radioactive waste.
17: Sean Connery awarded £2.8 million damages against his former financial adviser.
19: Blockade of French roads and railway lines by angry lorry drivers lifted.
21: Mrs Thatcher claimed the Government had support of most staff at GCHQ for the union ban.
Government defeated in Lords on phone tapping; vote passed to make tapping the subject of statutory control.
22: Mr Ian MacGregor knocked over in pit row.
23: French Government offered cash to help lorry drivers trapped in the Alps by the dispute.

MARCH

1: Mr Benn elected at Chesterfield with a 6,264 majority.
Government announced it was to provide British Aerospace with £250 million of launch aid for its share in the development of the next joint European airliner, the A 320 Airbus.
2: Pentagon placed order worth £100 million with Short Bros of Belfast.
40 GCHQ staff asked for transfer to another government department rather than accept the ban on union membership.
5: Wounded Iranian soldiers flown to Stockholm and Vienna for treatment showed symptoms of poison gas.
5: President Gemayel tore up Lebanon's unofficial treaty with Israel.
Mrs Thatcher announced that Lord Whitelaw was the only deputy she needed in answer to the 1922 Committee recommendation that she appoint an official deputy.
Ariane, the European Space Agency rocket, blasted into orbit.
8: Greek armed forces went on alert after Greece accused Turkey of firing on a destroyer.

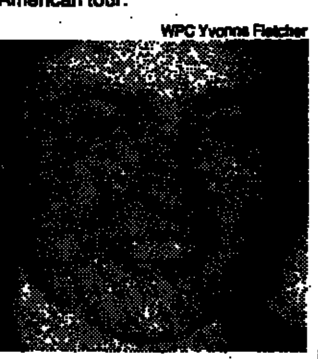
Sarah Tisdall

9: Strike involving 83,000 men started in the mining industry.
10-11: 26 people in London and Manchester injured in bomb attacks, believed to have a Libyan connection.
13: The Budget introduced the most sweeping changes in taxation for a decade, with substantial cuts in income tax; abolition of surcharge on substantial investment incomes.
14: Mr Gerry Adams shot three times in street attack in Belfast.
Banks cut interest rates to lowest level for nearly six years.
Record-breaking £500 million burst of trading on London Stock Exchange.
15: Flying picket crushed to death at Ollerton colliery.
ACAS accused Government of questioning its impartiality by its decision to appoint an official from the body to advise management on industrial relations at GCHQ.
16: Law Society protested to Lord Hailsham over "damagingly low pay" for doing legal aid work.
South Africa and Mozambique signed a non-aggression pact.
17-18: Dominic McGlinchy, most wanted IRA man, extradited to Ulster from Republic.
Yorkshire Area Executive of NUM decided to continue with intensive picketing.
Oxford won the Boat Race in a record time of 16 mins, 45 secs.
20: European Summit in Brussels broke down over Britain's large contribution.
Pickets closed 80 per cent of pits.
Sarah Tisdall jailed for six months after admitting leaking secret documents on cruise rockets.
French troops left Beirut.
26: The Queen started State Visit to Jordan. Government announced a recruitment drive for an extra 11,000 soldiers for Territorial Army by end of decade.
27: Britain had trade surplus of £819 million, the best for a year.
Striking miners choked motorway section of A1 by driving 150 cars in convoy.
28: The Queen called Israeli plans for expansion on the West Bank "depressing".
Jardine Matheson announced they were to leave Hong Kong.
29: The Government ordered MI5 to conduct a comprehensive overhaul of security inside Defence Intelligence Staff after reported weaknesses.
Nissan chose Washington New Town as location for £50 million assembly plant.
30: Arts Council announced most fundamental shift in state funding for the arts in its history, diverting £6 million out of London into 12 strategic areas.

APRIL

2: 48 injured in Arab terror attack in Jerusalem.
5: Commons Foreign Affairs Committee criticized Government for adopting lethargic approach to Grenada crisis.
Virgin Atlantic airline won licence to fly passengers from Gatwick to New York for £99 single.
11: Mr Heath accused Government of "gerrymandering" over GLC.
Mr Chernenko elected President of Soviet Union.
13: Seven British servicemen remanded in custody by Bow St magistrates under the Official Secrets Act.
Israeli troops stormed hijacked bus.
16: Michael Bettaney, an MI5 counter-espionage officer, jailed for 23 years on charges under Official Secrets Act. Mr Robert Mugabe talked of curbs on foreign journalists after reports in British and American papers of army brutality in Matabeleland; Mr "Tiny" Rowland criticized editor of *Observer* over articles.
17: Libyans opened fire from Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square, London, killing WPC Yvonne Fletcher.
18: British Ambassador to Libya and his staff, virtually held prisoner, were released. British Rail and BL back in profit, Prince Andrew criticized for spraying paint over photographers on an American tour.

WPC Yvonne Fletcher



20: 22 injured in bomb blast at Heathrow Airport. Sir Geoffrey Howe announced that Britain would leave Hong Kong in 1997.
Moderate Nottinghamshire miners called out on strike.
22: Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Libya and ordered all diplomats in the People's Bureau to leave the country within seven days.
24: *Observer's* five independent directors censured Mr Rowland for "improper proprietorial interference" in editorial freedom.
25: The son of Senator Robert Kennedy, David Kennedy, who had a drug problem, died in a hotel room.
Mr Robert Maxwell agreed to pay £150,000 in fines imposed on two print unions whose members had been occupying his London HQ.
26: British diplomats' wives and children from Tripoli arrived at Gatwick Airport as 140 Libyans flew out of London; siege of Bureau ended.
Greek Olympic Committee called off ceremony of lighting flame for 23rd Olympiad in Los Angeles.

MAY

2: Report of the New Ireland Forum.
President Reagan met Pope in Alaska.
Convoys of coal lorries ran blockade of pickets outside Ravenscraig.
3: Conservatives lost control of Birmingham City Council in local government elections.
7: British women working in Iranian bank in London told to wear chador.
8: Soviet Union officially withdrew from Los Angeles Olympics.
Napoleon Duarte elected President of El Salvador.
10: 292 pickets charged with obstruction at Strathclyde.
King Juan Carlos of Spain visited Moscow.
11: Serious falls on stock market: FT 30-share index dropped 33.8 points.
13: Unita freed 16 Britons taken hostage in Angola in February.
14: 20,000 took part in miners' protest march in Mansfield; 55 later charged.
16: Saudi supertanker ablaze in the Gulf.
Dennis Skinner, the Midland Bank representative in Moscow who died in a fall from his flat, was unlawfully killed, a Croydon inquest found.
19: Everton beat Watford 2-0 in Cup Final.
21: Mr Len Murray said he would disown sympathy strikes in support of miners.
22: Soviet Union expelled head of security at British Embassy in Moscow in retaliation for expulsion of Soviet diplomat from Britain.
Schools closed as teachers started three-day strike.
23: Six people, including two children, killed in explosion on visit to an outfall pumping station at Abbeystead, Lancashire.
24: £4.4 billion wiped off value of shares in London as stock market registered biggest fall for decade.

Arthur Scargill

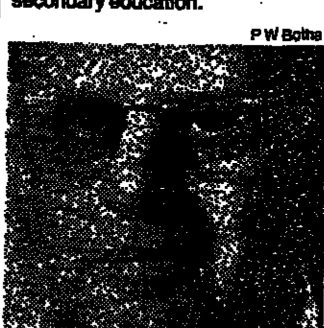


25: Nottinghamshire miners won "right to work" orders from High Court.
26: Worst Spring Holiday weather on record.
27: Miss Margaret Harris won *Mastermind* with record 38 points.
28: Herr Genscher announced he would resign as Head of the FDP before the next election, leaving conjecture about the possible break-up of the coalition.
29: Biggest-ever trade deficit (in April) was announced.
84 pickets arrested and 69 injured in a re-run of "Battle of Saltley" at Orgreave
France and Germany announced they were to abolish customs formalities.
30: Mr Scargill arrested at Orgreave. London stock market lost £4.6 billion off value of shares

JUNE

1: London stock market staged record one-day recovery.
President Reagan visited Ireland.
2-3: One crewman dead and 18 missing after the Marques, a British brigantine, sank in Tall Ships race
Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, met Mrs Thatcher
4: President Reagan, addressing Irish Parliament, urged Russians to return to negotiating table.
Gun battle raged in Golden Temple of Amritsar.
Newspaper companies owning shares in Reuters raised £152 million when it was quoted on London and New York stock exchanges.
5: Saudis shot down Iranian jet over Gulf.
Strike at Austin Rover's Longbridge plant over alleged racial prejudice by foreman.
6: Members of European royal families and President Reagan attended 40th anniversary of D-Day celebrations.
Indian Army stormed Golden Temple at Amritsar, killing 250 Sikh separatists.
8: World leaders meeting in London for an economic summit endorsed new approach to solution of the international debt crisis.
Journalists at BBC went into mandatory NUJ meeting as *Sixty Minutes* was axed.
11: Government narrowly missed defeat in the Lords over its plans to abolish elections to the GLC.
12: First Comecon "Summit" for 15 years.
13: Sudden breakdown in peace talks with NUM.
Funeral of Signor Berlinguer, Italian Communist leader.
14: SDP captured Portsmouth South in by-election, with 1,341 majority.
Labour doubled its membership of European Parliament, winning 16 seats from Conservatives.
16-17: Jean-Marie Le Pen's ultra-right wing party won 11 per cent of French vote in European elections
German "Greens" came to fore.
John Turner succeeded Pierre Trudeau as leader of Canadian Liberals.
18: Mr Scargill detained in hospital after a clash at Orgreave
20: Government announced abolition of "O" level and CSE examinations and introduction in 1986 of a general certificate of secondary education.

P W Botha



22: Teachers called off strike after eight weeks of school closures when authorities agreed to go to arbitration.
Huge explosion in Soviet arms dump in Murmansk.
24: Aberdeen-London sleeper derailed.
25: Pupil at Harrow School first winner of *The Times* Portfolio game.
26: Mrs Thatcher negotiated a ceasefire in EEC budget war.
28: Government defeated in a debate in Lords on paving Bill for abolition of GLC.

JULY

1: The Kremlin rejected as "totally unsatisfactory" President Reagan's agreement to hold talks banning weapons in space.
A form of dioxin found in soil samples in a chemical waste factory in Scotland led to allegations that it caused bodily defects.
2: Steel unions spurned a plea from leaders of the NUM for sympathetic industrial action aimed at halting most British steel production.
NCB implemented its plan to make 20,000 miners redundant.
Newly appointed Governor of Jammu and Kashmir dismissed Dr Farooq Abdullah, the Chief Minister, leading to accusations of improper pressure by the Delhi Government.
3: British Medical Association voted for abolition of boxing.
4: Duke of Devonshire disclosed that the British Museum failed by only £250,000 to secure his collection of 71 Old Master drawings.
British Leyland was fined £210,000 by the European Commission for putting obstacles in the way of British customers trying to buy cut-price Mini Metros.
5: Pound fell 1.75 cents to a record low against the dollar, closing at $1.3180 in London.
Mr Umaru Dikko, a former Nigerian Government Minister, was kidnapped outside his home.

Guide to the memorable events of 1984

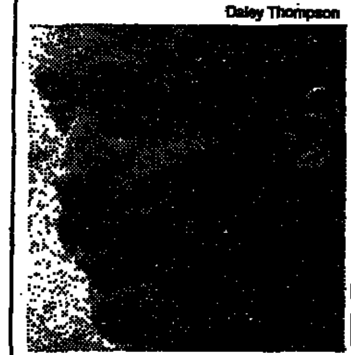
Geraldine Ferraro



He was later found drugged in a crate at Stansted Airport.
Sale at Sotheby's of a Turner seascape for £7,370,000 was a record at auction.
6: Consecration of the Right Revd David Jenkins as Bishop of Durham in York Minster was interrupted by protests.
7: Chief of Defence Staff and his service heads exercised their right to go over the Secretary of State for Defence and made representations directly to the Prime Minister on service cuts.
9: Lightning was blamed for fire which destroyed south transept of York Minster.
Andrei Tarkovsky, the Soviet film director, announced he was to seek political asylum in West.
National docks strike started.
10: General Synod of Church of England approved second marriage of divorcees in church.
11: NUM openly defied the High Court and adopted new disciplinary procedures that could be used to try anti-strike rebels.
12: Mr Walter Mondale nominated Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro as his Vice-Presidential running mate.
A commission of inquiry said that inadequate precautions were taken at the Falkland Islands hospital where eight people died.
The European Parliament budget committee released the £475 million net rebate for Britain's excessive payment of the Community budget.
13: Mr Robert Maxwell acquired the *Daily Mirror* and pledged it to fight for the return of a Labour government at the next election.
14: Mr Richard H. Burton, retired chairman of Gillette Industries, announced as first chairman of the Cable TV Authority.
The Pope summoned Father Leonardo Boff, the Brazilian theologian, to Rome in what was seen as a move to discipline political priests.
West Indies beat England by 172 runs in the Fifth Test, to take tke series 5-0.
16: Strategy document presented to the Liberal Party's election strategists, concluded that the nature and direction of the Alliance with the Social Democrats "must be resolved in the early years of the Parliament" or the delay would be "devastating".
John DeLorean found not guilty on eight charges of drug trafficking.
17: Launch of National Working Miners Committee, first national challenge to the union leadership.
Mr Robert Maxwell started binge circulation war with announcement of a £1 million prize competition.
19: Eleven people killed when a veteran Vickers Varsity crashed en route to an air show.
Democrats embarrassed by allegations and disclosures concerning the Farraro tax and business interests.
20: Driver killed and 25 passengers injured in a crash on the underground.
New advocacy rights announced to allow 5,000 barristers employed by banks and the Civil Service to appear in court.
21: Mr MacGregor said that the Government and police should consider taking Mr Scargill to court over violence on the picket lines. Six men returned to work in the militant South Yorkshire coalfield.
22: The bulk carrier Ostia was ordered to dock at the Hunterston terminal and unload its cargo, thus provoking a dockers' strike.
23: President Reagan was nominated to stand for the Republicans. There were 29.6 per cent registered votes in the first election to the new Coloured Chamber of the South African Parliament.
The Sun announced its first £1 million bingo winner.
24: An immediate national dock strike was ordered by the TGWU.
25: The Mount Louis, carrying 450 tons of corrosive radioactive nuclear waste, sank off the Belgian coast. Lord Whitelaw was involved in a shooting accident on the grouse moor.
27: Technicians walked out at Thames Television.
28: Seven of the largest 10 ports joined the dockers' strike. Mr Frank Chapple, leader of the electricians, accused miners' leaders of setting worker against worker. The US economic deficit rose to a record $14 billion.

AUGUST

1: Malcolm Cooper won Britain's first gold medal in the Olympics for small-bore, three-position shooting.
Twenty-five people were slightly injured when an Inter-City express was derailed near Newcastle upon Tyne.
Sir Geoffrey Howe announced that Hong Kong's "unique economic system and way of life" were to be preserved under an agreement reached with China in Peking.
2: The Government announced that unemployment rose to 12.9 per cent in July.
Government pledged itself to introduce legislation on telephone tapping after European Court of Human Rights ruled that it violated a man's privacy.
Fourteen women and children were released from a hi-jacked airliner at Teheran.
Ken Livingstone resigned as Leader of the GLC to fight a by-election.
Sale of Jaguar shares by BL caused a traffic jam in the City.
Britain won the silver medal in the three-day equestrian event at the Olympics.
5: A police investigation showed that Rolls-Royce spare parts for Argentine warships had been stolen and illegally exported.
The British coxed four took the gold medal at the Olympics, the first such British rowing title since 1948.
Shimon Peres was chosen to form a coalition government in Israel.
Successful launch of the Ariane 3 European space rocket.
6: Mrs Thatcher won her Court of Appeal attempt to get a reversal of the ruling that her ban on unions at GCHQ was unlawful.



Daley Thompson

Sebastian Coe won silver medal in the men's 800 metres at the Olympics.
7: Tessa Sanderson won the gold in the Olympic javelin event.
8: Police chiefs blamed violence in the miners' strike on NUM leadership.
9: Mr "Tiny" Rowlands cleared in a government-backed report containing allegations that he made secret deals to win control of the House of Fraser.
10: Daley Thompson won the gold medal in the Olympic decathlon.
12: One man was killed and 20 injured when police, using plastic bullets, stormed a Republican rally to arrest Martin Galvin, director of publicity for Noraid.
13: The Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary ruled out an independent inquiry into the Galvin incident; it had been called for by the National Council for Civil Liberties.
Fryston Colliery in Yorkshire was flooded, at a cost of £40 million, to quench a fire which was out of control.
A gift secured Duccio's "Crucifixion" for the Manchester Art Gallery, at a cost of £1.8 million.
15: A former MI5 officer alleged that he was "99 per cent certain" that Sir Roger Hollis, former Director-General of Security Services, cleared by Mrs Thatcher in a Commons statement, was a spy.
Mr Muldoon was defeated in New Zealand elections by Labour.
16: High Court ruled that the ban on unions at GCHQ was unlawful.
Unions announced a campaign to win back union membership.
The Prince of Wales publicly approved of alternative medicine.
17: Mr Dennis Skinner expelled from the Commons for one week for suggesting that Mrs Thatcher might bribe Appeal judges in GCHQ case.
Wine sales boomed in wake of Budget cuts in excise duties.
18: Halifax, the country's largest building society, raised its base mortgage rate to 12.75 per cent.
A gunman shot 20 dead in a take-away restaurant in California.
19: Anglo-Argentine talks on the Falklands failed after less than 24 hours.
Communists left the French Government after appointment of Laurent Fabius as Prime Minister.
20: Dockers returned to work on a formula which guaranteed no further breach of the union protections under the National Dock Labour scheme.
The Democratic Convention elected Mr Mondale and Mrs Ferraro on the election ticket.
21: An amnesty law in Poland was expected to lead to release of many political prisoners.
Severiano Ballesteros won his second Open Golf Championship at St Andrews.
23: Sarah Tisdall was released.
Building societies were given government approval to offer a range of financial services, including cheque books, overdrafts and personal loans, in competition with the high street banks.
Mr Justice Hatey, ruling in a custody case in the High Court, called the Scientology sect "corrupt, sinister and dangerous".
The Guardian asked the House of Lords to rule that the courts were wrong to order the return of a confidential government memorandum in the Tisdall case.
24: Talks were held in London and in 12 coalfields to co-ordinate a strategy for a widespread return to work.
Mr Patrick Jenkin announced in the Commons that 18 English councils were to have their rates capped in 1985.
The Israeli election resulted in a "hung Parliament" with both parties trying to form a coalition.
25: A Commons public spending watchdog criticized "the lamentable failure" to achieve large economies in the cost of supplies to the National Health Service.
29: Los Angeles welcomed 140 nations to the opening of the Olympic Games.
30: Thirteen were killed and 44 injured when Edinburgh to Glasgow express crashed outside Falkirk; a cow wandering on the line was blamed.
Ten-day-old Hollie Roffey became the world's youngest heart transplant patient at National Heart Hospital; she died on August 17.
The American owners of a Hong Kong company paid £43 million for the Dorchester Hotel.
Mrs Thatcher condemned Mr Kinnock and the Labour Party as "the allies of wreckers of the coal industry".
30: NUM leaders met TUC for first time since miners' strike began, in attempt to avoid split in TUC Congress.



Ethiopia: a child's plea from the famine lands

SEPTEMBER

2: Two Britons freed by the Libyans flew home.
3: Miners' leaders won overwhelming vote at TUC Congress for extending the dispute into other industries.
A deputy mayor was hacked to death as rioting, arson and looting erupted in black townships near Johannesburg.
4: Arbitrators awarded teachers a 5.1 per cent pay increase back-dated to April, only 0.6 per cent above the employers' final offer.
5: Mr Brian Mulroney heavily defeated the Liberals in the Canadian general election, ending 25 years of their rule.
6: Horizon, Britain's third-largest tour operator, announced price increases averaging 23 per cent.
19 people died in an outbreak of food poisoning at Stanley Royd psychiatric hospital, Wakefield. An inquiry later blamed meat left out
Three Soviet cosmonauts set endurance record in space after spending 212 days on the space station Salyut 7.
7: 1,398 dockers at the militant Tilbury docks voted to return to work.
Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov was deposed as Chief of Staff and Deputy Defence Minister of the Soviet Union. He was replaced by Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev.
9: Mr Todor Zhivkov, the Bulgarian leader, cancelled a visit to Bonn.
10: Mr Douglas Hurd, a former Home Office Minister, was appointed Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in a Cabinet reshuffle. (Mr David Young, the former Chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, was made Minister Without Portfolio.)

Douglas Hurd



Rail and busmen's unions called off a threatened 24-hour strike over service cuts and job losses.
Mrs Shirley Williams, the President of the SDP, told the annual assembly that it had been decided to draw up common policies with the Liberals for the next election.
12: The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee reported a profit of $150 million (£115 million).
Eviction of the anti-cruise protesters at Greenham Common was ordered.
13: Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, agreed to be questioned about the Belgrano by the Commons All-Party Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.
Mr Clive Ponting, a senior Ministry of Defence official, was charged with passing on documents on the Belgrano affair to a third party.
Six African and Indian political activists, sought by the South African security police, took refuge in the British Consulate in Durban.
Europe's Airbus Industries brought off a deal with Pan Am worth $1 billion.
14: Last round of talks aimed at solving the pit strike broke down over miners' insistence that they would accept no settlement giving the Coal Board freedom to close uneconomic pits.
Arthur Hutchinson was given three life sentences for the family wedding day murders of the Laitners in Sheffield.
16: Prince Henry Charles Albert David was born to the Princess of Wales; to be known as Prince Harry, he is third in line of succession to the Throne.
Mrs Gandhi was forced to reverse the decision to dismiss Mr Rama Rao, Chief Minister of the State of Andhra Pradesh.
17: The dollar soared to new heights on the foreign exchange markets, leading to a sharp drop in the value of the pound (the pound pushed down 2.4 cents to $1.2415.)
The closure was announced of the Bonnybridge chemical plant, alleged to have released highly toxic diexins into the atmosphere.
The start of Operation Lionheart the biggest test of Britain's peace-time army.
18: Three-week dock strike ended.
Oleg Bitov, the Soviet journalist who defected to the West in 1983 appeared in Moscow alleging that he had been kidnapped and tortured by the British Secret Service.
19: Mrs Thatcher announced that she was prepared to allow the miners' strike to continue for more than a year, adding that she would never surrender the basic principle of the Coal Board's right to close uneconomic pits.
A report admitted that the Ministry of Defence knew of the Belgrano's change of course away from the Task Force, but that the Ministers were not informed.
20: Third lorry-bomb in 17 months exploded at the entrance of the American Embassy annexe in Beirut, killing at least 23.
The design of the extension of the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, described by the Prince of Wales as a "monstrous carbuncle" was rejected by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment.
The Liberal Party Assembly voted for the immediate removal of cruise missiles from British soil, against the plea of Mr David Steel.
Mr Ken Livingstone and three other Labour candidates were returned to the GLC with large majorities over their Alliance rivals, in what Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Local Government, called "a prank, stunt election".
Marathon Oil placed a £230 million contract for an offshore oil platform, ensuring 100 per cent of a big North Sea Oil contract for Britain.
21: The Right Revd David Jenkins, the Bishop of Durham, used his enthronement to launch an attack on Government policies and called for the removal of Mr MacGregor.
The TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed to raise £150,000 a week to underwrite the NUM's fight.
Mr David Steel called at the Liberal Party Assembly for the immediate recall of Parliament to debate the miners' strike.
22-23: A survey showed a record harvest of 44 per cent above the average for the previous decade.
24: Pit deputies in the moderate Nottinghamshire coalfield voted for a strike in the Nacods national ballot.
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh began an official visit to Canada.
26: Documents agreeing Hong Kong's return to China exchanged in Peking.
30: The United States and the Soviet Union agreed to a "process" for a regular exchange of views to relieve international tension.
Trawler seized off Irish coast was carrying arms; five men were charged in Dublin with unlawful possession of explosives.
Two miners won a High Court ruling that picket lines around collieries in Yorkshire were not official.

OCTOBER

1: Labour Party Conference refused to endorse Mr Kinnock's "one member, one vote" plan to change the rules on reselection of MPs.
The Bank of England masterminded a multi-million pound rescue package for one of the City's top bullion dealers after it had incurred potential losses estimated at £100 million.
2: British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce won a £600 million contract to re-equip the US Navy with Hawk training jets.
The Swiss elected their first woman Cabinet minister.
Three Soviet cosmonauts returned to Earth after a record period in space of nearly nine months.
3: The Labour Party Conference voted to condone law-breaking by Labour councils in defiance of Government restraints.
4: It was announced that unemployment in September reached a record 3,283,640.
7: The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered outspoken criticism on the Government's handling of the miners' strike.
10: Miners' leaders reaffirmed that the 31-week strike was official despite fines for contempt of £1,000 on Mr Scargill and £200,000 on the NUM.
11: Six died and 18 were injured when a rush-hour commuter train collided with a diesel freightliner at Wembley.
Mr Emanuel Shinwell was 100.
An IRA bomb at the Grand Hotel in Brighton killed three and injured 32.
15: Dr Cesar Milstein of the Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology won the Nobel Prize for Medicine, sharing it with Professor Niels Jerne of Denmark and Dr Georges Koehler of Germany.

Mrs Gandhi



Israel's inflation reached a record 450 per cent.
16: A mob of 50 attacked a woman police sergeant in Grimethorpe, Yorkshire.
Bishop Desmond Tutu, Anglican General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, won the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his leading role in the "non-violent struggle for the liberation of South Africa's blacks".
18: Anita Brookner won the Booker-McConnell prize for fiction with her novel *Hotel du Lac*.
23: President Mitterrand arrived on State visit.
24: French security official was accused by Scotland Yard of secretly trying to test British security cover for President Mitterrand's visit by hiding explosives in central London.
NUM left to fight on alone after leaders of Nacods unanimously agreed to call off an all-out stoppage
25: The High Court ordered the sequestration of NUM assets for refusing to pay the £200,000 fine for contempt.
The Guardian lost its appeal over the return of the memorandum in the Tisdall case.
26: EEC offered £19.2 million aid to Ethiopia in famine relief.
28: The TUC rebuked Mr Scargill for allowing his chief executive officer to "consort" with the Gadaffi regime,
Public outcry in Poland after a policeman confessed to kidnapping Father Jerzy Popieluszko, a supporter of Solidarity. His body was found on October 30 and policemen were later charged with his murder.
30: The Soviet Union ordered a total embargo on fuel supplies to Britain in support of the miners' strike.
31: Mrs Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her bodyguards in Delhi. Her son, Rajiv Gandhi, was appointed Prime Minister.

NOVEMBER

President Reagan



1: In a wave of anti-Sikh violence mobs attacked trains en route to Delhi.
2: Mr "Tiny" Rowland sold Lonrho's stake in the House of Fraser for £138.5 million, thus ending a six-year battle over the future of Harrods.
Svetlana Stalin recovered her Soviet citizenship.
5: Sequestrators trying to recover the NUM's fine traced £2.7 million of the union's funds to Dublin
6: General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, took personal control of the Interior Ministry and the police force.
7: Mr Reagan won the American election with 525 of the electoral college votes to Mr Mondale's 13 and 59 per cent of the popular vote against the Democrats' 41 per cent.
8: Chay Blyth and a crewman were plucked to safety after their trimaran capsized off Cape Horn.
9: Nicaragua called for an emergency session of the UN Security Council and mobilized its forces after it claimed there was an American invasion threat.
The week saw the biggest return to work by miners, with the NCB claiming a figure of 2,177.
The High Court said that only £8,174 of £10 million of NUM assets was in the hands of sequestrators.
11: Two Russian deserters from Afghanistan, who had been brought to Britain, returned to Russia.
The Irish Government were reported to be furious at leaks that the authorities had been stalling in attempts to detain a woman named by Scotland Yard as an alleged IRA bomber.
13: The Bank of England announced that it was to stop issuing £1 notes.
15: The Church of England General Synod voted for legislation on ordaining women.
16: British Rail and London Transport gave notice of fare rises.
18: Mr John Gummer, chairman of the Conservative Party, lectured bishops on the eve of meetings between church leaders of the NUM.
19: Mrs Thatcher and Dr Garret Fitzgerald ended their meeting at Chequers with an agreement to meet again in the New Year.
Three hundred were killed in a blast at a gas complex in Mexico.
20: The Government's sale of British Telecom shares got under way with a £3,900 million issue.
21: Mr Antony Newton, Minister of State for Social Security, announced that £15 was to be deducted from the supplementary benefit pay of a striking miner's dependants.
22: Sir Geoffrey Howe announced cuts in British diplomatic representation abroad and in the BBC External Services.
27: Mr Percy Norris, the British Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, was shot in the street.
Britain and Spain agreed on the opening of the Gibraltar frontier in return for an undertaking that Britain would be prepared, for the first time, to discuss the sovereignty of the colony.
28: Last minute rush for the £3.9 billion Telecom share offer; later a limit of 800 shares per applicant was set.

DECEMBER

Rajiv Gandhi

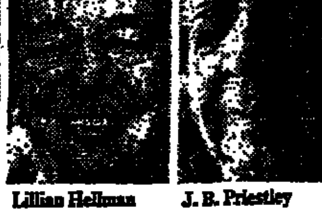


1: A receiver was appointed to take control of the NUM's funds.
Two miners were charged with the murder of a taxi driver who was driving a working miner to his pit in South Wales.
The Metropolitan Police were called to investigate the disappearance of a log-book from the submarine HMS Conqueror.
Mr Bob Hawke regained power in the Australian general election.
3: Nearly 500 people were killed immediately and thousands were given hospital treatment when toxic gas leaked from a Union Carbide pesticide plant near Bhopal,
4: Two were killed and 77 injured when a passenger train caught fire after a collision with a tanker train in Manchester.
5: Sir Keith Joseph was forced to climb down on parental contributions in higher education after a backbench revolt.
6: Hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner killed four hostages at Tehran airport. Two days later Iranian security forces freed the remaining nine hostages.
7: The *People's Daily* in Peking said that many of the ideas of Marx and Lenin were outdated.
11: Ten motorists were killed in a multiple collision on the M25.
13: The Government retained control of Enfield Southgate in a by-election where the Labour candidate lost his deposit.
14: Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, regarded as heir apparent to the Soviet leadership, visited Britain.
A novelist was jailed for nine months for helping an elderly woman to commit suicide.
18: The United Kingdom's largest terrorist trial collapsed at Belfast Crown Court.
19: Sino-British joint declaration on Hong Kong was signed.
Ted Hughes appointed Poet Laureate.
23: Two terrorist bombs killed 25 on a skiers' express in Italy.
25: Anti-bloodsport protesters desecrate Duke of Beaufort's grave.
29: Rajiv Gandhi and Congress Party win landslide victory in Indian general election.

The names that became history

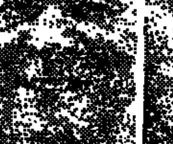




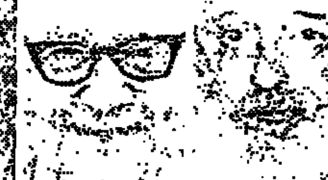












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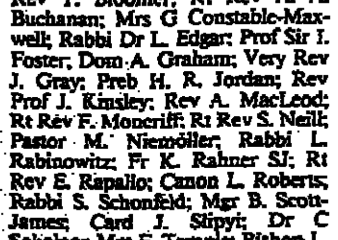
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Souvenir issue

Local papers in the country's mining regions, such as the *Mansfield Chronicle and Advertiser* in Notts, are currently running advertisements that read "Working Miners – a beautifully illustrated commemorative certificate of courage, which will acquire financial value – a family heirloom. Send £2.50 cheque or postal order". However, I can disclose that working miners receive in return a tatty photostat, stating baldly "*You worked during the 1984 dispute while 90 per cent of the NUM were on strike*". The organization to which unwitting miners send for their certificate, is, I am told, a cover organization for the NUM; the cash goes straight to strike funds and the names and addresses are duly logged. David English, a member of the Notts strike committee, tells me: "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The outfit couldn't use the word "scab" on the certificates because it would contravene the Trades Description Act."

BARRY FANTONI



'Obviously an attempt to lure more striking miners'

Lost and found

BBC-TV's *Holiday* programme returned yesterday with a competition offering a luxury Caribbean holiday as the first prize. The first clue – highlighted in the Christmas issue of *Radio Times* – is "Twin peaks called Pitons pierce the sky and on this island in the Carib Sea there be a volcano into which a man may drive". All suitably obscure, and made no easier by the mock *Treasure Island* jargon. But hang on: contestants need only tune in to the rival holiday programme, *Wish You Were Here*, on Thames TV on Wednesday. Its main feature is on St Lucia, a Caribbean island with twin peaks called Pitons and a drive-in volcano.

Drawing a blank

To end the final Diary of 1984, I asked some political friends to recount a story that we missed. First, **Kenneth Warren (Tory, Hastings and Rye)**: "As chairman of the Commons committee that examines the Post Office, I received a Christmas card featuring a blow-up of a 13p stamp from the Post Office chairman, Ronald Dearing. The card arrived late – with a demand for 23p excess payment."

Warsaw Tact

George Robertson (Lab, Hamilton): "At a government reception recently for a visiting East European dignitary, I was asked who I was by the dignitary's deputy. I said I was an Opposition foreign affairs spokesman, and added 'but you don't have that sort of post in your country'. The official looked round, laughed and replied, 'We certainly have opposition . . . but no spokesmen'."

Saying double

John Taylor (Ulster Unionist, Strangford), recalling the introduction by Nicholas Scott, Minister at the Northern Ireland Office, of the Elections Northern Ireland Bill to the House. "Throughout the evening the minister related the degree of double voting, which was grossly overstated at being 20 per cent of votes cast. However, when the first division was called – on an amendment by the Ulster Unionist MPs that the Bill be delayed for a further six months – Nicholas Scott was held back by a Member who spoke to him. He then rushed into the Aye lobby and voted for the amendment against his own Bill. Returning to the chamber, he realized his mistake, and promptly entered the No lobby – thus voting twice. *Hansard* was corrected before publication."

Field day

David Amess (Tory, Basildon): "The day after my election I stood in an open-top bus using a loud-hailer to thank all and sundry for putting me into Parliament for the first time. The atmosphere was so euphoric that on passing a herd of cows I said loudly 'I should like to thank the cows of Bowes Gifford for voting Conservative'. Chuckling, I turned to face the road, only to see four or five very Conservative-looking ladies staring directly at me. They were not amused."

Out of print

A last word from Denis Thatcher, whom I asked to contribute an authentic Dear Bill letter. "I *never* write anything for publication," he wrote back, sending PHS his good wishes for the New Year. And indeed, good wishes to you all. Pip, pip.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

1985, year of the funatic

I find that throughout the whole of Orwell's Year, I have made no mention of 1984 and its dread associations. No doubt my readers are as relieved as I am surprised, but on the very last day of this ill-omened span, they will surely pardon me if, in developing a theme that has been ringing in my head for some time, I touch once or twice upon matters which would not have been quite so symbolically apposite in 1983. Let us ring up the the curtain on my subject with Chesterton's *The Horrible History of Jones*:

Jones had a dog: it had a chain;
Not often worn, not causing pain;
But, as the IKL had passed
Their "Unleashed Cousins Act" at last,
Inspectors took the chain away;
Whereat the canine barked "hurray!"...

And we might as well begin with animals. When, a month or two ago, a group, claiming, not very plausibly, to be concerned for the welfare of animals announced that they had put poison in Mars Bars on the shelves of supermarkets, one of the television news bulletins carried an interview with a man who claimed to be a spokesman for such a group; he denied having anything to do with the Mars Bars affair (the gang which did it announced later that they had not in fact poisoned the sweets, and for the moment at any rate wanted only to give a warning of what they might do next time if Messrs Mars continued to displease them), but made clear that he and his colleagues thought that virtually any action, let alone threat, was justified in the struggle they imagined they were waging.

He was, it has to be said, a pathetic-looking creature; the very dogs he thought he cared so much about would have snarled at him as he passed by. He gave the impression that he had been computer-programmed with every expression and phrase in Roget (particularly the clichés) referring to animals and their treatment by mankind, and as soon as the interviewer pressed the appropriate key, they all came pouring out.

It was obvious that his animal campaigning was the only thing of any interest or meaning in his life; indeed, it plainly *was* his life, and since everything else around him was dissolved in his one testing-acid, it followed that the interests and opinions, and even safety, of those who disagreed with him were of no more account than those worldly concerns he had long since renounced, and could be no less easily disposed of.

I have written more than once about those whose love of animals is in truth a hatred of human beings, and I do not intend to go over that same ground today. But presumably even the most hate-crazed animal liberationalist, as he smashes up laboratory equipment or chases dangerous beasts out of their pens, occasionally stops to think how he started and what the reason was: surely somewhere in his muddled brain there was originally a feeling that it is wrong to ill-treat animals. more

. . . At which, of course, the SPU
(Whose Nervous Motorists' Bill was through)
Were forced to give the dog in charge
For being Audibly at Large . . .

Let us now turn – the connection between the instances I relate will become clear in time, I assure you – to Mrs Victoria Gillick, who a few days ago won, in the Court of Appeal, her case against the medical dispensation of contraceptive pills to girls under 16 years of age without their parents' knowledge. Now on the rights and wrongs of such action by doctors I have expressed no public view, and I shall express none now; what interests me is not Mrs Gillick's legal action, but what has happened to her and her family since she began it. She has revealed that they have suffered physical and verbal attacks, that some of her children have been kicked and punched in the street, that gangs have tried to kick down their front door nearly every night, that she has had to take two of her children away from their school because of the bullying they were being subjected to, and that she has received obscene telephone calls and hate mail.

The most rudimentary standards of civilized behaviour swept away

Presumably, too, those who wish girls under the age of consent to be provided confidentially with contraceptives must think, or at least must once have thought, that such action is wise and right, and for all I know it may be; but as Madame de Deffand said in a rather different context, it is only the first step that is difficult, for if you begin by thinking that very young girls should be protected by contraception given in secret against becoming pregnant, and end by trying to kick down the door of someone who holds a contrary view, something decidedly odd must have happened to you on the journey in between. And what has happened seems to me very similar to what afflicts the animal liberators; both groups have allowed one dominant belief to grow so large in their minds that not only do other, lesser, beliefs vanish beneath its shadow, but the most rudimentary standards of civilized behaviour are swept away. Whatever view may be taken of cruelty to animals or infant contraception, and however passionately the view may be held, is it not passing strange for some to threaten, abuse and ultimately assault those who do not share it?

. . . . None, you will say, were now annoyed,
Save haply Jones – the yard was void.

But something being in the lease
About "alarms to aid police",
The USU annexed the yard
For having no sufficient guard . . . .





A long-standing terror made its boldest advance in 1984 – not Orwell's Thought Police but Chesterton's fearsome individual, the Single Issue Fanatic. Below, fanaticism in action – animal liberation and the consuming hatred bred by the coal strike





Now let us travel – by night will be best, with our coat-collars turned up and our hat-brims down – to the Bold Colliery in Lancashire. In a suburb of the nearby town there lives – lived, rather, for he has now deemed it best to go elsewhere – a miner who went on working when others around him would have preferred that he did not. The better to emphasise this preference, they first beat him up and then plastered posters on his house and elsewhere in the vicinity, with his picture on them. Above his photograph was a *headline reading "This is a scab"*, and beneath it the designation "Strike-breaker and traitor". There followed further matter, including such passages as. "A scab is a two-legged animal with a waterlogged brain and a backbone of jelly and glue . . . Where others have a heart, he carries a tumour of rotten principles . . . Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared to a scab – Judas Iscariot had character enough to hang himself, a scab has not."

Without doubt, feelings have run high in the miners' strike. It would, however, be a nonpareil altimeter that could measure the height of the feelings required to engage in behaviour such as that. Again, something real and important has become the *only* real and important thing, and then even reality and importance have vanished and it has become the only thing of any kind.

What I am talking about is a phenomenon that has existed for centuries, but of late has monstrously grown: in 1984, it seemed to me that it made its most significant advances yet. It is the phenomenon of the Single Issue Fanatic. Until very recently, he (or she – oh, my *word*, or she) was usually to be found turning the fanaticism inward; he believed that the earth was flat, or that crime and banditry, distress and perplexity, would increase until the bishops opened Joanna Southcott's Box, or that he had been cheated out of his inheritance by the Pope and the Queen Mother. But today, he not only multiplies daily and hourly, his concerns are with matters that impinge upon us all, or if they do not, he makes it his implacable, business to see that they soon will.

. . .Now if there's one condition
The CCP are strong upon
It is that every house one buys
Must have a yard for exercise:
So Jones, as tenant, was unfit,
His state of health was proof of it. . .

What is more, and worse, the typical Single Issue Fanatic of today is not content, say, to make us use the metric system instead of our familiar inches and pints and hundredweights, or to shout and yell at us until we agree that Britain should disarm unilaterally, or even to force us, whether we would or no, into a closed shop. There has been a significant, and sinister, change of emphasis; instead of restricting himself to a claim that he is pursuing the public weal with such nostrums, he now insists on regulating the private sector as well: the typical Single Issue Fanatic now concentrates on doing us good, by *his* definition of *our* good.

The most intense variety of this new breed is undoubtedly the anti-smoking zealot, but on him, too, I have said enough for the time being. But hot on his heels come now the diet police. Today's fashionable theory (it will be the opposite one next Friday fortnight) is that fat and salt are lethal: one sniff of either and you roll over, stiff as a board. Of course it is a capitalist conspiracy (there will now be a short break while I sing "Oh, I am the man, the very fat man, who waters the workers' beer"), and the only way to defeat it is to pass legislation making it a criminal offence to stand a friend a glass of milk, let alone a bacon butty.

Onward, with ration book, to the state drink shop

But *l'appetit vient en mangeant*: as soon as it was law to fasten seat-belts in the front of cars, an agitation arose to make them compulsory also in the back, though hardly a word had been said about any extension while the campaign was going on.

The next stop will be alcohol, mark my words. (That's a capitalist conspiracy, too – did you ever see the BBC programme on vodka?) Again, there is an instructive difference between the old pussyfoot and the new; the old preached against the evils of drink and insisted on the enforcement of the licensing laws, but today's looks forward to the day when ferociously enforced legal regulations oblige us to take our ration-book to the state-run drinkshops, where two and a half drachms will be measured into a plastic container by an assistant looking strangely like Mr Michael Meacher, and drunk at once on the premises.

. . . . Two doctors of the TTU's
Told him his legs, from long disuse,
Were atrophied; and saying "So
From step to higher step we go
Till everything is New and True"
They cut his legs off and withdrew. . . .

There is another, and equally depressing (and dangerous) difference between the earlier version of the Single Issue Fanatic and ours; it is the terms in which he couches his arguments. Just as in the extreme form of the new fanaticism everything, including violence done to opponents, is regarded as legitimate, so among those who would not go so far there is a feeling that, provided the cause is good enough (and for the Single Issue Fanatic it always is), anything may be said. There is one of these people in Michael Frayn's most recent play, *Benefactors*: he has been engaged on a campaign concerning a local authority and planning permission, and when it is over he looks back over his side's methods:

"But the sheer pleasure of it! We sprayed walls two storeys high – "Vandals Out!" We shouted Council meetings down – "Democracy now!" We didn't have to worry about being fair or truthful or tidy. That was the great liberation. Fairness and tidiness and truth are for people who've got what they want already. We had nothing; we could do anything."

Note particularly the first words and the last: *the sheer pleasure of it. . . we could do anything*. The Single Issue Fanatic, whether he knows it or not, is after power, and he seeks it because of the horrible joy he will have when he gets it – the joy of making other people do as he tells them.

. . . . You know the ETST's views
Are stronger than the TTU's;
And soon (as one may say) took wing
The Arms, though not the Man, I sing . . . .

Is my claim an exaggeration? If you think so, look back to the examples I gave a couple of thousand words ago. Would anyone not convinced, in his monomaniac Fanaticism, that he can indeed "do anything" tell the world that he has put poison in sweets and then threaten that he would actually do so next time? Would anyone not blinded by a belief held to the edge of madness, and possibly over, abuse and assault Mrs Gillick and her children? Would anyone whose Single Issue Fanaticism had not, in a very real sense, dehumanized him, do what was done to the miner who went to work?

I do not think so. And yet, so far from understanding why others would see people who could do such things as evil, the perpetrators would be amazed and genuinely resentful at the thought. Surely it is good to stand up for ill-treated animals? Surely it is right to seek to help troubled adolescents? Surely it is admirable to stand beside your workmates rather than against them?

Yes, but if that is the only cause you are interested in, if it fills your life, waking and sleeping, if you are absolutely determined that nothing matters except making others see it the way you see it – why, then, you are a Single Issue Fanatic, and as sure as twice two make five, you will end up believing that you may properly do *anything* to bring about what you desire.

. . . To see him sitting limbless there
Was more than the KK could bear.
"In mercy silence with all speed
That mouth there are no hands to feed;
What cruel sentimentalist,
O Jones, would doom thee to exist–
Clinging to selfish Selfhood yet?
Weak one! Such reasoning might upset
The Pump Act, and the accumulation
Of all constructive legislation;
Let us construct you up a bit–"
The head fell off when it was hit;
Then words did rise and honest doubt,
And four Commissioners sat about
Whether the slash that left him dead
Cut off his body or his head . . . .

These were not, it is true, the dangers that Orwell foresaw. But I cannot help feeling that he would recognize them, and think them as deadly as those he depicted, and perhaps more so. The Single Issue Fanatic is the terror that walketh by night, and is far more difficult to see and to combat. Yet he must be combated, and beaten, or we shall all, in one way or another, suffer the same fate as Jones.

. . . An author in the Isle of Wight
Observed with unconcealed delight
A land of old and just renown
Where Freedom slowly broadened down
From Precedent to Precedent –
And this, I think, was what he meant.

(G K Chesterton, Collected Poems, Methuen).

The Chinese have long had the custom of designating their calendar with the Year of the Dragon, or of the Dog, or the Pig. I think we need another sort of year, a year in which the Single Issue Fanatic is faced and fought – by all of us, everywhere, at whatever point he may attack. Come; let us make 1985 Cakes and Ale Year.

Ring out the new, ring in the old! Enough of condoning wickedness and excusing criminality! Enough of these harbingers of the Nanny State! Enough of those who would tie our hands lest we scratch ourselves, and our feet lest we trip, and our tongues lest we say something that is not on the List of Things it is Proper to be said! 1984 has come, and in a few hours will be gone. We did not fall into the tyrannous and terrible net of Big Brother in the course of it, but we did fall, by stealth not conquest, a little further into the hands of the Single Issue Fanatics. In Cakes and Ale Year, we shall start the process of breaking their grip, of taking back our right to decide what is good for us, of resisting the thieves who would steal from us more of our liberties, of declaring that a cause which is promoted by violence instead of reason is a bad cause, of saying no quietly though others are screaming yes, and of eating many cakes and drinking much ale.

We shall march to the beat of *Liberty Bell*, our banners shall bear the emblem of a cocked snook, and our prayers will be offered to St Peter of Alcantara, because he is the patron saint of watchmen, which is what we are. And our New Year's Resolution – all together now – shall be to ensure that when 1985 comes to an end, this country will be recognizably more free than when it began. Now who will stand on either hand, and keep the bridge with me?

Urgent: NUJ members

This is another reminder that the election for a new editor of the union's paper, *The Journalist*, is in progress, and ballot-papers must be returned by January 14 at latest. (The 3,000 or so members of the London Freelance branch would have got their ballot-papers late, if at all; the branch did not send them out until after the last day of Christmas posting. If you still have not received yours, complain at once, not to the branch but to the General Secretary.) Those who want the paper to be the true voice of the majority of the union's members, and therefore to be run on moderate and unfanatical lines in the interests of the union as a whole, are urged (remember you do not vote with an X but with numbers) to put 1 for PATERSON, 2 for TURNER, and nothing for either of the other two candidates.

Anne Sofer

Let every girl fly high

"You're rushing to get ready for a disco and find your jeans need ironing. Your family are watching TV. Do you (a) ask your mum/sister to iron them, (b) ask your dad/brother to iron them or (c) iron them yourself and be late?"

This is a question in the quiz "What's your score on the Sexistometer?" contained in an entertaining pack of anti-sexist activities compiled for use in ILEA schools. On this particular question you score two marks for (c), one for (b) and none for (a). If your score on all the questions is zero, you are advised "You are really sexist and should immediately seek help – see your tutor!"

Not all the scoring is so predictable. Another question is "There is a boy or girl in your class who you like. Would you (a) ask your friend to ask them to go out with you, (b) go up and ask them yourself, or (c) wait for them to ask you?" For boys, (b) and (c) both score 2, and (a) scores 0. But for girls, (c) scores 0, (b) 2 and (a) 1. I still haven't worked that out, but no doubt the scoring is intended to be as much of a discussion-provoker as the question itself.

All of this is part of an exercise to change attitudes and, in particular, to help girls be more assertive and self-confident about their educational potential: to stop writing themselves off as mere future wives and mothers.

It is an uphill struggle. Consider, for instance, the following fragment of a radio programme I recently heard. The disc jockey Gary Davies is carrying on a breezy conversation with a young mother at home who wants to hear a particular Elton John number. "Tell me how you met your husband". "Oh, that was while I was studying in Manchester". "And what were you studying?" Coy noises, shy giggles. "No, you mustn't ask me". "Oh, go on, give us a clue at least". "Well, it begins with A. E. but I really can't say it, it's a terrible conversation stopper. . ." After more giggles and silly guesses, she relents "Alright then, it's aeronautical engineering". Gary rides over his own double-take with professional aplomb and steers the conversation back to her husband, her little girl, Elton John. . .

The real, hard moral of that story is that it is easier to create female aeronautical engineers than it is to change attitudes; or rather that the first may come before the second.

The issue of teachers attempting to change social attitudes is fraught with difficulty. For a start, it can stir up fears of "indoctrination", either genuine or (more frequently) artificially induced for political purposes. Then there is the stubborn fact, reinforced by every available piece of research, that parents and peer-group are a far stronger influence on attitudes than teachers are. Indeed for the most alienated groups – who may also be the most prone to sexual stereotyping – teacher-promoted "awareness campaigns" may be positively counter-productive.

Ironically from the point of view of the current campaign, in many ways girls get more out of the education system than boys. Fewer play truant and more stay on after 16. They do better in examinations and are less likely to be assessed as educationally sub-normal or maladjusted. And all that, despite (or because of?) the fact that they get observably less attention from their teachers. Even in the "boys' subjects", such as physics and design technology, (though not maths) once they have embarked on the courses girls are likely to get higher grades than boys. Whether it is the result of innate superiority or merely conditioned docility and conscientiousness, their relatively short period of access to secondary education has been a huge success story. Seen the other way, these facts point to the serious educational failures of boys.

What girls as a group seem to lack is academic ambition and an eye to the main chance in career subjects. They opt out of technical subjects and the "hard" sciences; they have a weakness for soft options where high marks will make them feel secure.

This *is* something the education system can do something about. It is astonishing that after a decade of bemoaning the fact that so few women find their way into science and engineering, we still allow crucial choices of course – affecting subsequent life chances – to be made by boys and girls at the age of 13 when they are, with the onset of puberty, the most likely to be strongly motivated by the desire to identify with "masculine" or "feminine" roles. If, following the practice of practically every comparable country, we were to insist on the study of the physical sciences and technical subjects up to the school leaving age for both sexes, girls' career prospects would be greatly improved in one bound.

And if, following that, A levels were to be transformed so that all students studied across the arts-science divide, we would no longer be grappling with the situation where the vast majority of women had no prospect of embarking on a scientific career. Realistic expectations would be revolutionized – and attitudes would surely follow.

"Changing hearts and minds" has become a political cliché. It disguises the fact that other changes are sometimes more effective and appropriate.

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Breaks that could break the habit

Crossing to Scandinavia on holiday last August, I was browsing through one of those tourist guides which you often discover in your cabin. Among the listed delights of Denmark, together with the shops and restaurants, the churches, the museums, the castle at Elsinore and the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen harbour, was "good, commercial-free television".

Reading that item gave me first a small shock of surprise, and then one of pleasure. It was genuinely surprising, after 20-odd years of getting used to commercials on our own television screens, to find another country in the western world actually boasting about not having them. This was the sort of boast we used to make in Britain before the Television Act of 1954, to encourage the admiration and envy which visiting Americans showed for our broadcasting system.

Ever since the arrival of commercial television in 1955 (after the success of one of the most systematic and ruthless pressure-group campaigns in British political history) there has been a tacit bipartisan acknowledgement that not all television should be required to finance itself through advertising. Commercialization has gone far enough if it simply provides, under the careful supervision of the IBA, healthy competition for the non-commercial public corporation.

But now things appear to be changing. There is a new campaign to bring advertising to BBC television, and those who advocated choice when the BBC monopoly of the airways was to be broken are those who are now seeking to remove it. If they get their way there will no longer be the liberty to choose between watching programmes interrupted by advertising and watching programmes which are not.

Is this liberty important, or is it a mere detail? I think it is important, for both the viewers and the broadcasters. There is something dismaying about even the most tactful of commercial interruptions when one is held by a programme. We only stifle the dismay because we know it is an inescapable condition of watching certain channels. Everyone has a horror story about inappropriate commercials. Mine concerns a programme on ITV about the tragic life and remarkable achievement of the poet Sylvia Plath, portrayed by Judi Dench, whose electric performance was dispersed by a commercial for face power.

We may appreciate the panache and ingenuity of the commercials, even if it is now rather a stale witticism to say that they are better than the programmes. But we ought to be guaranteed a freedom to watch some television without them.

If the present campaign to bring advertising to the BBC gathers momentum, it will no doubt be argued that the Corporation will only require a little inoffensive advertising to keep the licence fee steady, and that good taste, and a natural British regard for high standards will keep the whole process very discreet and tactful, with no ill-effect on the quality of programmes. After all, there was no disastrous collapse of morals last time.

To the first argument one can only say that the famous baby in the arms of the housemaid was indeed only a little one, but it was going to grow. Commercials could be cleverly kept away at first from schools programmes, Shakespeare and opera. But the pressure to raise the quantity of BBC advertising to the level of that screened by ITV would inevitably increase if the experiment proved to be any sort of success. A commercialized BBC would be only human if it eventually grabbed all the advertising it could get.

We owe the relative tact and unobtrusiveness of present advertising to the apprehension that its early enemies were going to monitor it like hawks, and make invidious comparisons with the standards of the BBC, *because a non-commercial BBC was still there to compare it with.* If the competition of a non-commercial BBC were now to be taken away, the last reason for being shamed into maintaining the quality of programmes would disappear substantially with it. In the long term this would not be good for ITV.

Those in favour of advertising have to prove either that the perpetual praise of sweets, deodorants and building societies actually enhances the pleasure and interest of the programmes; or makes so little difference that (unlike the Danes) we can put up with it. They also have to tell us how – as the advertisements for the same products begin to appear on all four channels – they would counteract the drift towards a sameness of presentation and content which would make television more boring and increase the incentive to turn off.

Given the choice of watching material of comparable interest on rival channels I prefer, for reasons of simple comfort and convenience, to watch the channels which show no advertising. At the moment this choice still exists, and I would like to have it in the future. If it were to be removed I suspect that I and many others would be voting with our remote control switches in favour of some other activity.

Reaching for a video, perhaps, or looking out a new novel or volume of verse. That might be a happy outcome of commercializing all the television channels. But it would not be the one the advertising lobbyists intended.

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INDIA VOTES FOR UNITY

Over the last few elections the verdict of the Indian people has been distinguished by its sheer decisiveness. It has shown no half measures or any hesitation. For instance in 1971 Mrs Gandhi was given a two thirds majority. In 1977 it was the opposition's turn. Then in 1980 Mrs Gandhi was recalled and the same majority simply changed hands. And now in 1984 it has been bestowed on Rajiv Gandhi.

However this time the Indian people have given their prime minister and ruling party a mandate which has exceeded all others. Congress (I) have become the first party since independence in 1947 to secure over half the polled votes. And never before has any prime minister won more than three quarters of the seats contested. As an electoral performance, this result outclasses the historic feats achieved earlier by Mr Gandhi's mother, Indira, in the heady 1970s and his grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru, in the immediate euphoria of independence. The consequence is to make Rajiv Gandhi potentially more popular and powerful than any previous prime minister.

It is a verdict simultaneously in favour of both continuity and change. At the end of a year that has seen the Sikh crisis erupt, a prime minister assassinated and the country collapse into communal chaos, Indians believe themselves to be under threat. Sectarian or secessionist forces were able to hold the state to ransom. The unity of the nation was suddenly in question. In Indian eyes, therefore, there was a need for the continuation of strong central authority. Only a stable and secure government in Delhi would contain the crisis they perceived about them. By giving Rajiv Gandhi this massive support they have tried to ensure that his new government has the capacity to do just that.

Yet, at the same time this vote was also a call for change. Tired of the old pre-independence generation of politicians, the Indian electorate have long been looking for something new. It was Rajiv Gandhi's good fortune that in 1984 he came to symbolise this. For, as little was known of him, he was reconstructed by the Indian voters in the image they wished him to have. They saw in him a new future and they have invested in him their own hopes of realising it.

Whilst therefore this twin appeal of Rajiv Gandhi proved an irresistible electoral platform, in contrast the Opposition were divided, debilitated and disliked. During this election a formidable realignment of political forces in India appears to have taken place. From Congress (I)'s point of view the significant shift is in the arithmetic of Indian elections. Up to now the accepted wisdom was that the ruling party tended to win when faced by the customarily split opposition. But, in the rare case where the opposition was united, it lost. In 1984 that has been disproved. Regardless of the character of the opposition it faced, the party stormed through to victory. What this suggests is that the traditional concept of politics in India as being determined by caste blocks or religious groups must now surely give way to a more up to date picture of a relatively homogeneous and unified electorate where waves of public opinion tend to sweep more uniformly across the whole country.

Throughout the nation, the regional vote has diminished in this election. Except in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh where special circumstances prevail following Mrs Gandhi's abortive coup to oust the incumbent chief minister in August, the votes of local parties have either severely fallen or completely collapsed. This is evidence that large sections of the nation have turned away from linguistic or cultural parochialism and towards a greater pan-Indian political identity.

Of course what underlies these political realignments and the calls for continuity and change is the enormous emotion of hope. The Indian voter has placed his faith in Rajiv Gandhi after all other political channels led into darkness. It is a heavy weight on his inexperienced prime ministerial shoulders. How he handles it will ultimately determine both his own and India's future. If his government can live up to its promise a new era in Indian politics could today be starting with the Congress party possibly assured the same majority in future elections. But if it does not, disillusion is bound to set in swiftly and the electorate will undoubtedly swing away. What choice it might then make in its frustration and bitterness could be very unpleasant indeed.

LIBYA AND THE RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

The Church of England predictably had no luck with its attempt to come between the warring parties in the miners' strike. There may be some consolation coming to it now if the church's efforts to free the Britons held in Libya can be carried through to a successful conclusion. It would be a more appropriate success too, as the pastoral welfare of individuals is more obviously the church's business than the settlement of essentially political conflicts. Indeed Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's emissary to the Libyans, has had the paradoxical advantage of being unable to offer them any sort of deal precisely because the church is without leverage on the matter of Libyans awaiting trial in Britain. There was plenty of evidence he could offer Colonel Gadaffi that the British government and the Church of England are not in each other's pocket. This set him free to concentrate on the humanitarian nature of his mission, and to bring to bear the only pressure he has, moral pressure. The political weakness of his position has added to its spiritual strength, and he has found an opening.

Colonel Gadaffi has not only said he will facilitate the release of the Britons held; he has expressed some belated dismay at the killing of WPC Yvonne Fletcher by a "madman" – his words – outside the Libyan People's Bureau. Relations between Libya and Britain will not have been restored at a stroke by this remark, but it is a beginning, and it will have been noted. Mr Waite clearly has diplomatic skills of a rare order, given the most unpromising reception Colonel Gadaffi gave his mission at its start. Yet "being diplomatic", as that is commonly understood, is apparently not his style. Both in Libya and on his return he has spoken straight, and spoken sharply. Colonel Gadaffi is not a word-mincer either. The outspoken approach seems to appeal to him too, for he has let himself be moved by it. The prospect of Mr Waite securing the freedom of the captive Britons would not have been appetizing, if it had been done by ingratiation and flattery. As when Mr Waite brought the British missionaries out of Iran four years ago, it was a blend of courtesy and plain speaking which had proved persuasive to the Islamic mind, together with an appeal to common spiritual values. And by all accounts Colonel Gadaffi enjoys a good discussion of religion.

One may not like his politics at all, or his person much; but Colonel Gadaffi (like many another ruler exercising great personal power) is a man who sees himself as under the judgement of God. This leads in many strange directions, highly disagreeable to Libya's North African neighbours and to Western powers who try to do business with him; disagreeable also to a section of his own population. But it leaves him open to the moral argument, not least in this case, that a ruler has a duty towards the stranger in his midst. Islam teaches that there is a particular duty towards a Christian or Jewish stranger. Mr Waite, both by his credentials as Dr Runcie's spokesman and by his efforts for the spiritual welfare of the four trapped Britons at Christmas time, has turned their detention into a religious issue on which basis it can be solved, rather than a political issue between states on which basis it looked hopeless. Religion is sadly more often a cause of conflict in the world than a means for resolving it; the unlikely combination of Colonel Gadaffi, Mr Waite, and the Archbishop of Canterbury has unexpectedly shown that it must not always be so.

A GRACIOUS EXIT NEEDED

This was the first Christmas in Nigeria's history, wrote a Lagos columnist the other day, "when so many representatives of an entire generation of powerful and influential men will be singing their carols in jail". Therein lies the main achievement of the year of military rule that began with the coup of December 31, 1983.

The idea of accountability has been reborn. A spectacularly corrupt regime was overthrown; also overthrown was the "received law" (to quote the columnist in the Lagos *Guardian* again) that if you belonged to the right class in society "your crimes may be visited on your property and your bank account, but never on your person".

The regime of General Muhammadu Buhari is conducting a capital-letter War Against Indiscipline, but more important than its propaganda have been its actions. A price has had to be paid; there are fundamental criticisms and some doubts about the future; but if the incarceration of hundreds of rich politicians has convinced a generation that it is a mistake to salt away millions from public funds, then General Buhari has undoubtedly done some service to his state.

Inevitably, part of the price is an immediate loss of personal rights. And while some degree of ruthlessness was necessary, there are valid criticisms: the trials should not be in secret; 21 years in prison is too high a minimum sentence for corruption; there should be some possibility of judicial appeal (sentences are subject to confirmation or alteration only by the Supreme Military Council). The process is also proving unduly slow. After 12 months decisions should be possible on such notable detained people as the former President and Vice-President, the former Governor of Lagos State, and many more.

It is to be expected in an exercise of almost arbitrary power that there should be allegations of bias and regional and political prejudice. Left-wing Nigerians, for instance, are convinced that the former Governor of Kaduna, Balarabe Musa, is being kept in prison more because of his socialism than because of alleged malfeasance; and the many friends of Tai Solarin, headmaster and controversialist, find it impossible to believe that he could be guilty of corruption or anything worse than having awkward opinions.

The point that becomes clearer as time passes is that Nigerians have the right to demand freedom from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment without due process. It is necessary for justice to be seen to be done, otherwise wrong conclusions will be drawn: not that corruption is evil, but that it is a mistake to be unsuccessfully corrupt. (There is an international dimension too: unfair trials make it impossible for Britain and other countries to contemplate deporting the fugitive politicians.)

General Buhari came to power on a wave of popular support; the military were hailed as saviours. But that popularity has waned. It is partly a matter of bad public relations. Attempts to stifle criticism by harsh measures against the Press have not helped. More important has been the failure of the military to deal with Nigeria's economic problems. This is apparent in the mounting inflation, unemployment and shortages of almost everything. The causes are complex, but one point is worth mentioning. For years the real value of the currency, the naira, has been drifting away from its official value: in a Lagos bank a pound sterling will buy just over one naira; on the street corner it will fetch between five and six naira. The distortions this causes are serious – would-be exporters and investors are discouraged and agricultural producers handicapped. By refusing to think of devaluation, the Buhari government has deprived itself of IMF help as well as causing internal haemorrhaging; it has also (most ironically for a government dedicated to a War Against Indiscipline) ensured that black marketeers, currency dealers, smugglers and other crooks, while they stay out of jail, reap huge rewards.

Military rulers, like music-hall comedians, find it difficult to leave the stage. But General Buhari and his colleagues will be doing their state an even greater service if they begin now to think of an exit line. Nigerians, in addition to a right to freedom from arbitrary arrest, have a right to participation in their government. How exactly this should be done is difficult: Westminster and American models of democracy have not travelled well. It is obviously something for Nigerians to decide: the first step will be General Buhari announcing his readiness to lead his men back to the barracks. Twelve months after being rescued from the dragon, a maiden has the right to ask the gallant knight what his intentions are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Young offenders as special case

From Lady Faithfull

Sir, Our prisons are full; we are building more of them at great cost and the crime rate is not diminishing.

While realistically coping with our adult crime in the here and now, should we not, as a country, seek to deal more effectively with our juvenile crime? Over the years this should, I suggest, diminish our adult crime rate.

As a start, should there not be an amendment to the Prosecution Offences Bill whereby there should be special provision for juvenile defendants within the new crime prosecution service?

The experience of the Scottish "reporter" system since 1968 has shown the value of a separate prosecution service which can develop the more sensitive, imaginative and less formal approach to younger and less mature defendants.

Failing the establishment of a separate service, some degree of specialisation within the Crown prosecution service is desirable. It is significant that other parts of the criminal justice and penal systems accept the desirability of specialisation in work with juveniles (as instanced by the existence of police juvenile bureaux, juvenile courts, junior attendance centres and junior detention centres) and the case for such specialisation among prosecution personnel is no less strong.

Yours faithfully,
LUCY FAITHFULL,
303 Woodstock Road,
Oxford.
December 21.

From Mrs P. E. Phillips

Sir, Mr John Rea Price's letter (December 6) illustrates very clearly the lack of clear thought by the Government over how the nation deals with the needs of children within the courts, whether as a result of anti-social behaviour, or as a result of other family problems, such as divorce, custody etc.

We now therefore have proposals for a national prosecuting system which apparently makes no concessions to the needs of children and young people, whilst at the same time the Department of Health and Social Security is conducting a review of child care law, and the Lord Chancellor's Department is considering the feasibility of family courts.

Of these, the work on family courts is subject to the longest timetable. However, it is the view of the Association of County Councils and of many other organisations interested in this field that the establishment of a family court should be agreed by the Government as a matter of priority, and that all other issues concerning children and young people caught up in the legal system should be considered in that light.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. PHILLIPS, Chairman,
Social Services Committee,
Association of County Councils,
Eaton House,
66a Eaton Square, SW1.
December 12.

Tax on pensions

From Mr S. W. Nash

Sir, Rumours that lump-sum payments might be taxed met with much unreasoned opposition.

Contributions to occupational pensions are tax-deductible and the pensions are, therefore, legitimately subject to tax: it is illogical that the alternative lump sum should be treated differently.

The reverse is the case with the state pension. National insurance contributions are paid out of fully taxed income and there is no justification for the further double-taxation of the state pension.

Moreover if the state pension were properly exempt from tax our income tax system would be greatly simplified.

No longer would there be any need for special codes for pensioners or for the anomalous and controversial age allowance.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. NASH,
190 King George V Avenue
Cardiff,
South Glamorgan.
December 17.

Flipping one's lid

From Professor Douglas Johnson

Sir, Mr Bullen (December 27) enquires how he should greet a lady when wearing a béret basque. He should always wear the beret so that the brim, at its lowest point, rests one and a half inches above the left eyebrow.

For the ceremony of greeting, the brim should be pushed upwards one inch. This should be done with the left hand, *c'est celle du cœur.*

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS JOHNSON,
29 Rudall Crescent, NW3.
December 27.

VAT on publications

From Mrs Peter Murray

Sir, We have heard a lot about the disastrous effect VAT, particularly at the high level of 15 per cent, would have on publishing, selling, and buying of books, and particularly on the publishing of serious and learned works with short printing runs. The disastrous effect on libraries – public, university, learned societies and the like – has also been predicted. What would it mean to a private library?

My husband and I left university life so as to spend the remainder of our working years completing work begun or projected, but this requires that we maintain our library with a steady acquisition of new books – and, as everyone knows, books on the history of art are always in the top price bracket.

The £50 book is now far from a rarity, and the problem is even more acute when a series, or corpus, is involved, where the price rises steeply with each succeeding volume. And what if the Chancellor includes antiquarian books, the prices of which are already frequently astronomical?

Just for an example, our book bills last year were £1,386. VAT on this would mean £249 at 18 per cent, £277 at 20 per cent, according to the level of the publisher's "pass-on-the-overheads" calculation. Cutting back on purchases – the probable course – would mean that we ceased to buy many of the books which already have difficulty in finding a publisher.

And what of learned society journals, whose financing is already precarious? At present we subscribe to six English ones. Which one would have to go to pay the tax on the others? And in a world where art books are an ever-increasing luxury what chance do we stand of continuing publication? My last book costs £18, my husband's £30.

Perhaps the Chancellor, looking for a quick kill on supermarket sales of paperback thrillers, might consider that for some authors reduced or extinguished publication equals seriously diminished income, for which it is no consolation to pay appropriately diminished income tax.

Yours faithfully,
LINDA MURRAY,
The Old Rectory, Farnborough,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Pat on the back for British scientists

From the Ambassador of Sweden

Sir, Is Britain scientifically no longer in the first division? Is it true, as is often said, that Britain is spending less than many other countries on key areas of research, falling behind countries like Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany – even that British science is "in something of a mess", as is claimed in your review (November 13) of a recent BBC 2 programme?

Perhaps I may be excused if I disregard for a moment the golden rule for a diplomat to confine his opinions to dispatches to his Government. But what I want to draw attention to are cold statistics (with, admittedly, some personal comments), statistics that I have not seen quoted in the British debate and that give a rather comforting picture of the actual state of affairs of British science, or at least some important sectors of British science.

The statistics I have in mind reflect the national distribution of the most prestigious scientific award, the Nobel prizes in the three disciplines physics, chemistry, and medicine (or "physiology or medicine", as it is called in Mr Nobel's last will and testament). I realize, of course, that in some cases the nationality may be open to discussion. What about a scientist who, though formally retaining his original citizenship, has spent his entire professional life abroad? I have used what must be the best source, to wit a list published by the Nobel Foundation itself.

So to the statistics. I start with the least comforting discipline: physics. During the pre-Second World War period (from 1901, when the first prizes were awarded, up to 1939), 20 per cent of the laureates were British. For the 40-year post-World War II period the figure is 13 per cent (and if we choose the last 10 years, 1974-1984, it is, alas, only 4 per cent).

In medicine, Britain has approximately maintained its share, and not a bad share: 14 per cent up to 1939; 16 per cent after 1945, and 12 per cent during the last ten years. Chemistry, finally, presents a very bright picture: 15 per cent – 27 per cent – 27 per cent for the periods mentioned.

So if Britain is falling behind in physics, she is holding her position in medicine and performing brilliantly in chemistry.

As a matter of fact, since the first prizes were awarded more than 80 years ago, no other country except the United States has received so many prizes as the United Kingdom. And these two countries still head the list: of the 87 prizes awarded during the last ten years (and now including the prize in economics, instituted in 1969), 51 have gone to the US and 14 to the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
LEIF LEIFLAND,
Swedish Embassy,
11 Montagu Place, W1.

Stansted report

From Mr Don Turner

Sir, The inspector's report on Stansted should have convinced Lady Burton of Coventry (December 20) that, like it or not, the possibility of a second runway at Gatwick no longer exists. The inspector noted that the Government had abandoned the safeguarding of the line of the second runway there in 1971 and endorsed the grounds for its rejection.

The inspector also assessed Heathrow's runway capacity at about 300,000 air transport movements. This equates with figures given by the Civil Aviation Authority, who also add that by the 1990s the higher proportion of heavy aircraft in service will reduce the figure to between 285,000 and 290,000 air transport movements, which is not far above the proposed 275,000 limit. Lady Burton's figure of 330,000 relates to *total* movements, which includes general aviation and other aircraft operations.

What this boils down to in practice is that Stansted cannot wait. Certainly the inspector did not think so. After 258 days of sittings, spread over nearly two years, he recommended that planning permission for its development should be granted as expeditiously as possible because he believed that only Stansted could provide additional airport capacity to meet demand in 1990.

Yours faithfully,
DON TURNER, Planning Director,
British Airports Authority,
Gatwick Airport,
Gatwick, West Sussex.
December 21.

Prescription of drugs

From the Director of the College of Health

Sir, Your proposal, "Prescribing propaganda" (December 13), that the Government would do well to appoint a genuinely independent committee to consider the currently much vexed question of NHS drug prescribing is welcome.

While the medical profession battles to preserve its clinical freedom, the pharmaceutical industry gets qualms about making more of its profits from the poor and the elderly, and the Government would like to save £100 million a year, can I put forward for discussion an idea that could satisfy at least two of the three parties aforesaid *and* save money for some of us consumers who are also keen to see a stop to unnecessarily expensive prescribing habits?

The prescription charge for generic drugs should be reduced. The reduced income to the NHS from prescription charges would be more than offset by the overall reduction in their drugs bill. No patient would pay more than at present; a great many could pay less. Doctors would continue to be able to prescribe whatever drug they deemed most suitable for their patients.

If, as a result of such a move, patients more often asked their doctors whether proprietary drugs were really necessary, so much the better. It is perhaps a question they do not ask themselves often enough.

Yours faithfully,
MARIANNE RIGGE, Director,
College of Health,
18 Victoria Park Square,
Bethnal Green, E2.
December 13.

Lesson from Ulster

From Sir Patrick Macrory

Sir, Mr Latham-Koenig reminds us (December 17) of Alexis de Tocqueville's perceptive comment that "the most dangerous moment for a bad government is usually the one when it starts to introduce reforms".

As he says, the dictum applies not only to the French Revolution, which Tocqueville had in mind. It has always seemed to me to be particularly applicable to the well-meant attempts of the Stormont Government of Northern Ireland, in the late 1960s, to redress the grievances, genuine but not absolutely intolerable, of its Nationalist minority.

Whenever an inch was granted an ell was demanded and those who let out of its bottle the evil djinn of violence which has ever since refused to go back, those well-intentioned members of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association *et al.* should be searching their consciences today.

I do not mean to imply that Stormont was necessarily a *bad* Government. You, Sir, when its troubles were boiling to a climax about 1971, wrote that its record over fifty years showed it to have been "reasonably humane, reasonably efficient".

Not a bad verdict at the bar of history, I submit, and one which I quoted to the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee of the House of Representatives in Washington when it was conducting an inquiry into Ulster's problems some twelve years ago.

The chairman, with a broad grin, replied that "Nobody has ever said anything half as nice as that about our Congress."

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK MACRORY,
Amberdene,
Walton-on-the-Hill,
Tadworth, Surrey.

Limiting speed

From Dr Peter E. Morris

Sir, I share Michael Smith's surprise, in his letter of December 20, that the main argument for increasing the speed limit on motorways to 80 mph is that the present limit is ignored by many drivers.

The reasons for the existence of a law that is frequently broken need to be examined. However, these reasons may be good ones and, if so, the consequence should be to increase the probability and, perhaps, the intensity of punishment. Frequent breaches of a law are not, in themselves, grounds for its abolition.

One problem with increases in speed limits is that it is natural for drivers to think that the effects of increasing their speed are linear, and to drive accordingly. However, since kinetic energy increases with the square of velocity, a car travelling at 80 mph has over 30 per cent more energy to use up in braking or during the impact of a crash than has a car travelling at 70 mph.

None of us can be sure how a change in the law will affect accidents to British drivers on British roads. The best way to find out would be an extended experiment with an 80 mph limit upon a sample of motorways to discover how drivers will behave, and whether accidents will increase in frequency and severity.

Yours faithfully,
PETER E. MORRIS,
University of Lancaster,
Department of Psychology,
Fylde College,
Bailrigg, Lancaster.

Consequences of Gillick ruling

From the Chief Rabbi

Sir, Having signed, together with other national religious leaders, a statement in support of Mrs Gillick's case against the DHSS guidelines permitting doctors to prescribe contraception to girls under 16, even without their parents' knowledge or consent, I naturally applaud the judgement of the Court of Appeal.

I welcome this important decision for two quite distinct reasons. The "professional guidance" by the General Medical Council, endorsed by the BMA, had stated: "If the patient (under the age of 16) refuses to allow a parent to be told, the doctor must observe the rule of professional secrecy in his management of the case". In other words, any conflict between parents and doctors in claiming the confidence of children is to be resolved in favour of the doctors.

The Appeal Court ruling has restored the supremacy of the Ten Commandments' "Honour your father and your mother" over the medical profession's self-proclaimed guidelines. This is bound to be greeted with immense relief by all who seek to reassert the rights and duties of parents and who see a major cause for the rampant rise of crime and vice in the widespread breakdown of family life, aggravated by officially-encouraged challenges to parental control.

The BMA has argued that the new judgement will "force doctors into actions that will betray confidences and damage a fundamental principle of medical practice". That may well be so. But surely even doctors will not argue that this principle is more fundamental than the respect owed to parents. Indeed, no other profession – teachers, clergymen or lawyers – ever made any such claim, demanding stronger bonds of trust with themselves than children have with parents.

The second reason for acclaiming the court ruling is that it represents a notable reversal of the trend towards an ever more permissive society. The BMA document quite rightly affirms the strong belief "that if people under 16 know that their parents will be informed against their wishes, many more will just not seek contraceptive help, and more girls will become pregnant. It is likely that abortion rates would rise in consequence."

These consequences are unfortunate and may indeed be inevitable, at least for a while. But what the document does not consider is that an even greater number of girls (and their boyfriends) will now think twice before they irresponsibly embark on sexual adventures, and hold back from the brink of temptation by the very fear that a moment's pleasure may no longer be concealed from parents or its effects neutralized by the simple expedient of a doctor's prescription.

Doctors themselves ought to feel relieved that they will no longer be unwillingly exploited for the promotion of promiscuity.

Yours sincerely,
IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS,
Chief Rabbi,
Adler House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
December 27.

Economic expansion

From Mr Rhyddian Jones

Sir, Tim Congdon ("Economic commentary", December 20) seems surprised that "reflationists" refuse to concede that governments are unable to stimulate the economy. He argues that, in borrowing the money that is necessary for expansion, government will cause interest rates to rise and thus the whole exercise will be self-defeating.

But later in the same article he states that since the mid-seventies "the ratio of the public-sector borrowing requirement to gross domestic product has been reduced from over 10 per cent to about 2.5 per cent."

Following the logic of his own arguments, this should mean that interest rates, in real terms, are much lower now. This is not the case. He himself admits that they are twice the historical norm.

I'm afraid that the arguments about reflation, which he finds so boring, are not over yet. But I trust that events in the real world, and the sort of inconsistencies that are increasing by appearing in the case put forward by Mr Congdon and those who follow his particular line, will soon bring them to a conclusion. Perhaps we can then get back to a sensible economic policy.

Yours faithfully,
RHYDDIAN JONES,
Tunley Farm,
Tunley,
Bath, Avon.

Year of destiny

From Miss Helen Corkery

Sir, "Nineteen eighty-four" has come to be widely accepted as an ominous term of warning against the danger of the subjugation of the individual by the mechanisms of the state.

As the year 1984 passes into history instead of looming in the future, what phrase shall we now use to remind ourselves of the need for eternal vigilance?

Yours faithfully,
HELEN CORKERY
52 Harrison Close,
Woodlands,
Reigate, Surrey.

From Dr Jonathan Stead

Sir, I am heartened to note that part of the Orwellian prophecy is fulfilled before the end of this year.

A letter received recently from an insurance company was signed by the Life Administrator!

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN STEAD,
The Health Centre,
Silverton, Devon.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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SANDRINGHAM
December 30: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this morning. The Bishop of Norwich preached the sermon.

Mr Graham Matthews wishes his friends at home and abroad a very happy new year.

The 1983 Unesco prize for the teaching of human rights has been awarded to Professor Felix Ermacora, professor of public law at Vienna University and a member of the Austrian Parliament.

Latest wills

Sir George Sangster Dunnett, KBE, CB, of Cowden, Kent, chairman of the Sugar Board for 1956 to 1970, and Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food from 1947 to 1956, left estate valued at £246,727 net.

Mr Anthony Benn Shrimsley, of The Hyde, London, journalist, director of Press and Public Relations for the Conservative Party since 1983, left estate valued at £171,766 net.

Other estates include, (net before tax paid):
Coulsey, Mrs Emma, of Pickering, North Yorks £211,054

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. P. Nairne and Dr A. A. Jeffery
The engagement is announced between James, son of Sir Patrick and Lady Nairne, of Oxford, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. E. G. Jeffery, of London.

Mr P. L. Bazalgette and Miss H. J. Newiss
The engagement is announced between Peter Lytton, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E. P. Bazalgette, of Rothercliffe, Point Hill, Rye, Sussex, and Hilary Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Newiss, of High Gate House, Cross Hills, Keighley, Yorkshire.

Dr D. Beer and Miss N. R. Salter
The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Beer, of Reading, Berkshire, and Naomi Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs James R. Salter, of Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. D. Bennett and Miss H. L. P. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Mark Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Bennett, of Dulwich, London, and Hilary Louise Perry, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Thomas, of Highgate West Hill, London.

Mr T. J. Bramston and Miss C. J. Gill
The engagement is announced between Timothy James, son of Mr and Mrs C. H. Bramston, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Carol Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gill, of Tudhoe Village, co Durham.

Mr M. Cutts-Watson and Miss M. Watson
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Cutts-Watson, of Ware, Hertfordshire, and Madeleine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. M. Watson, of London, SW18.

Mr E. McClean and Miss N. Carne
The engagement is announced between Eric William, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. A. McClean, of Dungannon, co Tyrone, and Nicola Trench, daughter of the late Lieutenant Rodney F. P. Carne, RN, and Mrs Donald Morison, stepdaughter of Captain D. B. Morison, RN, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. H. R. Pakenham and Miss N. D. Mason
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Hugh, elder son of the Rev Stephen and Mrs Pakenham, of St Marybourne, Hampshire, and Nina Diana, daughter of Mrs Malda Mason and the late Lawrence Woodhouse Mason, of Winchester.

Mr S. J. Merriman and Miss L. McCandless
The engagement is announced between Simon John, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Merriman, of Coton Clanford, Stafford, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. McCandless, of the Village, Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford.

Mr A. J. Harper and Miss A. J. Peacock
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Dr and Mrs W. W. Harpur, of Drigg, Cumbria, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Peacock, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr A. G. Pickard and Miss A. R. Walsh
The engagement is announced between Anthony Geoffrey, elder son of Mr B. H. Pickard, FRCS, of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, and Mrs J. D. Pickard of Greenwich and Angela Rosemary, third daughter of Mr R. J. Walsh, of Great Bromley, and the late Mrs J. Walsh.

Mr B. A. G. Pratt and Miss J. M Schulze
The engagement is announced between Baillie Alexander Gammack, elder son of Mrs D. L. C. Pratt, of "Seaforth", Queen Street, Elgin, Moray, and the late A. R. Pratt, and Jennifer Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. E. E. Schulze, of "De Hoop", Potgietersrus, Transvaal, South Africa.

Mr K. Shakir-Khalil and Miss S. A. Boyle
The engagement is announced between Karim, elder son of Dr and Mrs H. Shakir-Kahalil, of Cheadle Hulme, Manchester, and Sally, daughter of Dr and Mrs R. T. Boyle, of Doncaster, Yorkshire.

Mr P. J. Smyth and Miss E. J. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. L. Smyth, of Urmston, Manchester, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Humphreys, of Rainow, Cheshire.

Mr M. P. Styles and Miss S. A. Cose
The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Styles, of Bramley, Surrey, and Sarah Anne, younger daughter of Mr K. V. Cose, of Bramley, and Mrs Hazel Knapp, of Guildford.

Mr S. N. Toghill and Miss V. L. Letchford
The engagement is announced between Stephen Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ray Toghill, of Taffs Well, Cardiff, and Victoria Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs Thomas Kempner, of Greenlands, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr P. M. A. Westman and Squadron-Leader D. M. Reid, PMRAFNS
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. F. S. Westman, of Kenley, Surrey, and Dorothy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Reid of Burnside, Glasgow.

Clifford Longley

1984: A ministry of 'silly' talk

The Church of England had a good year in 1984, the best for some time. Religion was talked about again in the land, and the media screen-time and column inches flowed.

Even the York Minster fire in July was profitable, measured in terms of interest aroused and time spent in public houses when God was discussed.

Paradoxically from many points of view within the Church of England itself it may have seemed a particularly bad year.

Conservative lay people and Conservative Evangelicals spent most of it fretting about the doctrinal attitude of the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins; they and the Anglo-Catholics saw the issue of women priests escape from the limbo to which they had managed to confine it, and begin to move again; Conservative politicians saw the church in new and hostile light; those who want remarriage of divorcees in church, mostly broad or liberal churchmen, have been thwarted once again by a grass roots reaction.

Disappointments were fairly spread around; but each controversy did its big or small bit towards raising the visibility of religion, the lowness of which is a far more fundamental problem than each of these partisan issues.

In a highly secularized God-indifferent society, all publicity is good publicity. It had been a particular vice of the Church of England that it positively enjoyed a quiet life, and disliked being disturbed or being disturbing.

The Church of England is an institution in whose internal controversies the whole population feels entitled to join: that is a slight shift from the traditional definition of it as a national church, one to whose services the whole population feels entitled to come.

They do not; but they do have opinions on whether God exists, whether that matters, and how it matters if it does.

It is a nation where the cardinal principle is private judgement on matters religious: the Church of England is a catholic church for a Protestant nation, in this respect. That is a fruitful relationship, if the church understands and handles it right.

It will never pack pews; one of its chief functions is to be rejected. But for that it has to be visible enough; and to be visible, as 1984 shows, it has to have enough internal tension to generate heat and light.

Visibility allows people to take bearings from it. That is probably the most that a "national church" can hope to register.

This means that the Church of England has no business worrying that too much dissension in its ranks will harm its public image. Yet almost all the issues which have this year brought attention to religion only happened because they survived attempts to smother them at birth, and attempts to smother them at each new stage.

The message repeatedly conveyed to the Bishop of Durham, for instance, was that he should shut up; more generally, people were told they were being silly if they speculated about the act of God which caused the York fire.

Religion is an area in which people are particularly sensitive to being told they are "silly". One well know study some years ago set out to record the prevalence of religious experience in the general population, and found that the proportion of positive answers varied with the length of time the interview took.

This strongly suggests that most people think other people think religious sentiments are silly, and will not admit to them until they have some rapport with the persons asking.

In their own ways, the Bishop of Durham and the Rev Don Cupitt, who had a spectacular television series in 1984 on modern reinterpretations of faith, have been articulating in an intellectually respectable way, and hence legitimizing, ordinary people's right to own up to doubt and puzzlement about Christian doctrine.

People with such doubts no longer felt so silly to admit them. And people who found no difficulty in the Virgin Birth or Resurrection as historical events, felt less silly saying so too, once that side of the argument was also in the open. By becoming visible, the Church of England was supplying bearings for both sides to steer by.

The result is a new level of interest in the issues. This attacks the fundamental objection most people have to "religion" – that it is boring.

It is more than boredom, more like a deep-seated despair that certain things ought to matter, but do not seem to be able to engage enough attention because they are held out of reach, obscure and remote, presented in a way that is calculated to kill interest.

Marriages

Mr L. L. Bowman, Jr, and Mrs S. R. C. Beeson
The marriage has taken place quietly in Lewes, Sussex, between Mr Lee Bowman, Jr, son of the late Mr Lee Bowman and Mrs Hélène Bowman, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs Susan Beeson, daughter of the late Mr Guy Gerard and Mrs Barbara Gerard, of Florence, Italy.

Mr M. B. Durcan and Miss A. E. Mathers
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 29, at Blaisdon Hall, Gloucestershire, of Mr Matthew Durcan, son of Mr and Mrs M. J. Durcan, of Woodford, London, and Miss Alison Mathers, daughter of Mr and Mrs V. J. Mathers, of Minsterworth, Gloucestershire.

M P. Valentin and Miss H. Lagesse
The marriage took place on December 28, in Mauritius, between M Philippe Valentin, son of M and Mme Roger Valentin, of Rue la Fontaine, Paris, and Miss Henriette Lagesse, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pierre Lagesse, of Holland Park, London.

Mr J. M. Somervell and Miss S. Schwonek
The marriage took place quietly in London, on December 29, between Mr John Matthew Somervell, son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Somervell, of Nayland, Suffolk, and Miss Suzette Schwonek, daughter of Mrs M. E. Schwonek and the late Mr J. Schwonek, of Port Talbot, South Wales.

St Andrew's School Pangbourne

The Governors of St Andrew's School, Pangbourne, have appointed as headmaster Dr Robert J. Acheson, currently a housemaster at the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover. Dr Acheson will take up his appointment in September, 1985.

The night sky in January

By Our Astronomical Correspondent

Mercury will be at greatest morning elongation (23°) on the 3rd, when it will be rising about an hour and a half before the Sun. Magnitude near zero and brightening.

Venus will reach greatest evening elongation (47°) on the 22nd, when it will be setting four hours after the Sun. Magnitude –4.0 and brightening. Moon not far from it on the 24th.

Mars is also an evening object, moving from Aquarius into Pisces and not setting until about 21 hrs, when it is just about of the first magnitude, and therefore very much less bright than Venus, which is rapidly catching it up from the West. Moon in the area on the 24th and 25th.

Jupiter will be in conjunction with the Sun on the 14th, and is unlikely to be seen this month.

Saturn is a morning star in Libra, rising at 04 h at the beginning of the month, and 02 hr 30 m at the end. Moon just south of it on the 16th.

Uranus is in Ophiuchus and will rise at about 05 h 30 m in mid-month. It is not visible to the naked eye.

Neptune is in Sagitarius, and will rise at about 06 h 40 m in mid-month. It also is not visible to the naked eye.

The Moon: full, 7 d 02 h; last quarter, 13 d 23 h; new 21 d 02 h; first quarter, 29 d 03 h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 8 d 23½ h, 11 d 20½ h, 14 d 17 h, and 31 d 22 h.

The Earth will be at perihelion at 3 d 20 h. This is the point in its orbit nearest to the Sun, distance 147 million kilometres (92.4 million miles). The Sun at its greatest apparent diameter, 32'35" (0.543°).

In the early evening, the low southern sky is occupied by the straggling and not very bright constellation of Cetus, the whale or sea-monster, in mythology the creature sent by Neptune to devour Andromeda. Alpha and Beta (top left and bottom right in our map) are near second magnitude, but the rest are only third and fourth. If you look now you will find that the middle star, Mira, is missing. This is a famous variable star with a range from third magnitude to 10th; these limits are themselves variable and it has been as bright as a good second. The period is 332 days (also not quite invariable), so it reaches maximum a month earlier each year. It was just about at its minimum last month, and by the time of the next maximum in early June, the star will be above the horizon in daylight. It is visible to the naked eye for about one-third of its period, and comparable with the rest of the stars in Cetus for about 60 days.

Mira is a large red giant, pulsating in size by about 20 per cent. Contraction means a rise in temperature and expansion a fall, the range being approximately 2,600 to 1,900 degrees Kelvin (roughly Centigrade). Maximum occurs during the expansion stage, when at least to some extent the increase in surface area more than compensates for the decrease in surface brightness. The variability of this star was first recorded by D. Fabricius in 1596.

● Readers of last month's notes may have noticed mention of an unfamiliar constellation, "The Kipper"! This was a printer's error and should have been Dipper.

The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

OBITUARY

PROF G. BARRACLOUGH

Historian of broad vision

Professor Geoffrey Barraclough who died on December 26, aged 76, was one of the most remarkable figures of his generation of English historians. By training and early practice an historian of medieval Europe, he suddenly in mid-career jumped his field of interest some six centuries forward in time, becoming one of the leading British historians of contemporary international relations.

His reputation in the United States and Europe, where professors of history are expected to shift their major fields of research at regular intervals across the centuries, was enormous. His British colleagues, especially in his later years, tended to view his achievements rather more coolly, taking such shifts of interest as less indicative of the true grasp of scholarship than of a restless and dissatisfied mind. That view had enough justice in it to lead them to overlook the real breadth and depth of his scholarly instincts, or the insights which made him so stimulating a teacher and writer.

Geoffrey Barraclough was born a Yorkshireman on May 10, 1908. He was educated at Bootham School, York, and at Oriel College, Oxford. From Oxford, where he specialized in medieval history, he went in 1931 to Munich as Bryce Research Scholar and in the same year to the British School at Rome. Though Protestant by upbringing and protestant by temperament, he chose the medieval Papacy at the height of its power as his field of research.

His research on the machinery of Papal government in the 13th century, specially *Public Notaries and the Papal Curia*, (1934),and *Papal Provisions*, (1935) is still cited today, even by Catholic historians. Thirty years later his continuing interest in the Papacy was shown in the best short introduction to the subject, *The Medieval Papacy*, (1968).

In 1934 he returned to England, first as a Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, and two years later to St John's College, Cambridge, where, in 1937, he obtained a University Lectureship.

His period in Germany and Italy had made him deeply aware of the lamentable ignorance of Continental, specially German, scholarship displayed by English historians and students. His determination to remedy this led to his editing a series of essays by German emigré historians, *Medieval Germany* (1930), the theme of which was the development of the German state.

With the outbreak of Second World War he joined the Foreign Office political intelligence department. From 1942-45 he served with the RAF and during that period wrote the greater part of perhaps his finest book. *The Origins of Modern Germany* (1946).

His object was "to establish the perspectives of German history in the hope and belief that wider perspectives", (by which he meant an understanding of German medieval history) "will cast a clearer light on present perplexities and problems." The work is deeply imbued with sympathy for the German people, expressing his belief that much of German history was, in a sense, a conspiracy against their wishes and interests.

In 1945 he was appointed to the Chair of Medieval History at Liverpool; in scholarly terms this was a very fruitful period. Not only did he turn his hand to the medieval history of England with his study of *The Earldom and County Palatine of Chester* (1953) and his edition of *Early Cheshire Charters* (1957), but he began to set down his views of the history of his own lifetime and the enormous change in world power relationships which the Soviet victory at Stalingrad signified. The resulting work, *History in a Changing World* (1955) made a major impact on the historical profession.

He was thus the obvious successor to Professor Arnold Toynbee when the latter retired from the Stevenson Research Professorship of International History at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in 1956.

His new appointment, however, involved him, not in the broad seat for which his predecessor's *Study of History* had been both praised and denounced, but in the minutiae of writing and editing the annual or biennial *Survey of International Affairs*.

He found himself overwhelmed by the vast amounts of evidence available to 20th century historians, and after six years and three volumes of the Survey, he resigned from Chatham House He embarked on a series of short-term professorships and visiting lectureships in the United States, including three years each at the University of California and at Brandeis.

In scholarly terms this was one of his most fruitful periods, marked by his *European Unity in Thought and Action* (1963) and his seminal *Introduction to Contemporary History* (1964). His election to the Chichele Professorship of History at Oxford in 1970 was a long overdue recognition of the role he played in the development and advancement of historical study, both of the medieval and the contemporary period in Britain.

Barraclough could be the most congenial of companions, as he could be the most exacting of teachers. But he was not the easiest of colleagues. He disliked the job of academic organization and negotiation which fall so heavily on senior academic figures in British universities.

His outstanding virtues were the care, training and inspiration he gave to his juniors and the scholarly probity which made him recognize and advance the careers of people whose abilities he respected but whose views he opposed.

In spite of the restlessness which took him so frequently from one post to another, and in spite of the indecisiveness which he so often exhibited, he will remain one of the foremost and one of the most complete all round historians and scholars of his generation.

His last achievement, the *Times Atlas of World History*, showed his ability to command the loyalties of a wide range of the younger generation of British historians, and sets a fitting seal on his career.

SAM PECKINPAH

Sam Peckinpah, an American film director, died in Los Angeles on December 28, aged 59. He will be most remembered for his graphic depiction of violence, particularly in the western *The Wild Bunch*, and in *Straw Dogs*, a film he made in Britain and which was banned by several local authorities. But he was also a film maker of tenderness and charm, and it is a mark if his complex character that the two strands could co-exist, often in the same picture.

His directing career began with a series of westerns, of which at least two, *The Wild Bunch* and *Guns in the Afternoon*, are among the finest examples of the genre. His achievement was to strip the western of its traditional romanticism and provide a more searching critique - influenced by contemporary American experience and specially the Vietnam war - of the rule of the gun.

His best pictures came early, and there is a sense of a potentially formidable talent not redeeming its initial promise. Part of this stemmed from Peckinpah's own personality. Volatile and uncompromising, he found the disciplines of the film industry difficult to accommodate, and there was also a self-destructive element, typified by heavy drinking. But for all its shortcomings, his work entitles him to be ranked with the leading American directors of the last 20 years.

Samuel David Peckinpah was born in California, the son and grandson of judges. After service in the Marines in the Second World War he gained a master's degree in drama at the University of Southern California. He worked in the theatre as a director and actor before moving into television and becoming a script writer and director on such western series as *Gunsmoke*, *The Rifleman*, and *The Westerner*.

He entered the cinema in the mid 1950s and his first films as director, *The Deadly Companions* and *Guns in the Afternoon*, both low-budget westerns, appeared in 1961. The first one immediately announced Peckinpah's impulse to question the western myth, and the second film took the process further in a story, by turns harsh and lyrical, of two ageing gunfighters setting off on a last mission.

Peckinpah's next venture, *Major Dundee*, was more ambitious in scope but brought the first of several brushes with producers, resulting in the film being severely cut without his consent. Enough remained to suggest the makings of a masterpiece, with Charlton Heston as a tough Federal officer leading a bunch of Confederate prisoners against the Apaches.

It was five years before Peckinpah directed again. He was dismissed from *Cincinatti Kid* and filled in with script-writing until *The Wild Bunch* which came out in 1969. It followed a group of outlaws on a bloody trail from Texas into Mexico, and almost for the first time in a western the slaughter was made explicit and often prolonged by the use of slow motion. Peckinpah's justification for dwelling on the bloodshed was to underline its futility; and harrowing though many of its scenes are *The Wild Bunch* is his finest film.

The violence, which included a long rape scene, was more difficult to defend in *Straw Dogs*, a gruesome fable about an American lecturer and his wife besieged by Cornish villagers. But in mellower mood, and as if to disarm his critics, Peckinpah made *The Ballad of Cable Hogue* and *Junior Bonner*, an affectionate study of an ageing rodeo star, played by Steve McQueen.

Peckinpah returned to the western with *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*, an intense and powerful study of a doomed relationship which was another victim of producer interference.

Peckinpah's later films were generally less successful. He turned to the brutalities of the Russian Front in the war for *Cross of Iron*, but the context somehow defeated him. He later tried to set up a production in Mexico, underwent heart surgery and saw several projects fail to materialize.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Douglas Anthony, CH, 55; Mr Glanvill Benn, 79; Mr Michael Bonallack, 50; Sir George Christie, 50; Mr Stephen Cleobury, 36; Air Marshall Sir Patrick Dunn, 72; Major-General J. D. Frost, 72; Mr Jack Hargreaves, 73; Lord Hawke, 83; Mr Anthony Hopkins, 47; Mr Ben Kingsley, 41; Mr E. B. Mackay, 62; Mr Peter May, 55; Mr Nathan Milstein, 80; Dr Valerie Pearl, 58; Mr Jean-Pierre Rives, 32; Sir Joshua Rowley, 64; the Earl of Strathmore, 56.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Dr Jack Birks, 65; Professor Richard Bishop, 60; Sir James Crane, 64; Mr Bill Keys, 62; Mr Frank Langella, 45; Dr James Merriman, 70; Colonel P. A. Porteous, VC, 67; Professor R. A. Raphael, 64; Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, 83.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Philip Walker, associate editor of the *Daily Express*, to be deputy editor of the *Daily Mirror*.

Science report

Artificial jade joins list of manufactured gems

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

It is almost 15 years ago that the first gem-quality diamonds were reproduced in the laboratory. Since then scientists have synthesized an impressive list of precious stones including sapphire, ruby, emerald, opal, turquoise, and lapis lazuli.

But some rare stones have eluded the modern alchemist who transmutes common-or-garden substances such as sand and clay into an object of rare beauty.

One of them is jadeite, the rare stone that has been polished into fine jewellery and carved into exquisite objects for more than 3,000 years.

Now a number of man-made samples of jade, cylindrical-shaped objects a quarter of an inch in diameter and half an inch long, have been created in the same laboratory where the first diamonds were made.

Dr Robert deVries, an inorganic chemist, and Mr James Fleischer, a specialist in high-pressure research, devised a way of synthesizing jadeite in half an hour in a thimble-sized furnace inside a hugh diamond-making press at Schenectady, New York State.

Enough material was produced for polishing into gems. Jadeite has a peculiar structure when examined under the microscope. It has a polycrystalline arrangement, resembling interlocking needles, which makes it extremely tough and suitable for carving.

Ancient Chinese dynasties considered it more valuable than gold and other precious stones. The synthetic variety began with the same elements which must have been present in the melt when the natural mineral was created: sodium, aluminium and silicum oxides.

In the laboratory the materials are mixed together in powder form and heated in a furnace to 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit. The molten liquid is withdrawn from the furnace and allowed to cool into a glassy solid.

Next, the glass is crushed and refired to the same temperature, in the tiny furnace inside the diamond-making press, where the material is exposed during heating to pressures of up to 440,000 pounds a square inch. The result is a cylindrical piece of white jadeite which can be polished into an oval jewel.

By adding traces of other materials to the starting powder mix, the scientists are able to synthesize pieces of varying colour, such as green by adding larger amounts of chromium, and lavender by adding manganese. Samples have been made in the laboratory with layered combinations of colours, such as green and white, as often occurs in nature.

Queen's Bench Division — Law Report December 31, 1984

Persuasion not ILEA's function

Regina v Inner London Education Authority, Ex parte Westminster City Council

Before Mr Justice Glidewell

[Judgment delivered December 19]

A decision of the Inner London Education Authority, under section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972, to retain an advertising agency to conduct a campaign with the object of informing the public of the effect of rate capping on the authority and of persuading the public to the view held by the authority was invalid because in reaching its decision the authority was pursuing an unauthorized purpose, namely that of persuasion, which had materially influenced the making of its decision, Mr Justice Glidewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application by Westminster City Council for judicial review of ILEA's decision.

Section 142(2) of the 1972 Act provides: "A local authority may (a) arrange for the publication within their areas of information on matters relating to local government..."

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Alan Wilkie for Westminster, Mr Alexander Irvine, QC and Mr Brian Keith for ILEA.

MR JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said the first question to be decided in the context of the case was what constituted "information on matters relating to local government".

The following all came within the phrase: (a) an account of the various facilities provided by and the activities engaged in by ILEA; (b) a description of proposed or even hoped for improvements in or increases in those facilities and activities; (c) the cost of the various facilities and activities, present and anticipated for the future; (d) an explanation of the effect of legislation, including the Rates Act 1984; (e) a description of the extent to which ILEA's activities and facilities would probably have to be curtailed if the Secretary of State's maximum expenditure was to be achieved, including estimates or suggestions of particular facilities or activities which would be affected in this way.

The decision of the authority was intended to serve two purposes, namely, the giving of information to the public, and the persuasion of those members of the public who did not already hold a view about rate capping which coincided with ILEA's to adopt that view.

The question for the court to decide was whether a decision of a local authority to expend its ratepayers' money in order to achieve two purposes, one of which it was authorized to achieve by statute but for the other of which it had no authority, was invalid.

His Lordship adopted the guidance in the judgment of Mr Justice Megaw in *Hanks v Minister of Housing and Local Government* ([1963] 1 QB 999) and two of the tests referred to in *de Smith's Judicial Review of Administrative Action*, namely, "(i) What was the true purpose for which the power was exercised? If the actor has in truth used his power for the purposes for which it was conferred it is immaterial that he was thus enabled to achieve a subsidiary object" and "(v) Was any of the purposes pursued an unauthorized purpose? If so, and if the unauthorized purpose has materially influenced the actor's conduct, the power has been invalidly exercised because irrelevant considerations have been taken into account."

It thus became a question of fact whether in reaching its decision ILEA was pursuing an unauthorized purpose; namely, that of persuasion, which had materially influenced the making of its decision.

One of the purposes was the giving of information but it also had the purpose of persuading the public to its own view and that was a, if not the major purpose of the decision. ILEA did when making its decision take into account an irrelevant consideration, and thus that decision was not validly reached.

Solicitors: Mr T. F. Neville; Mr J. R. Fitzpatrick.

Divisional Court

Court not bound by report

Regina v Leicester City Juvenile Court, Ex parte C

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment delivered December 12]

The decision of a juvenile court whether or not to make a certificate of unruly character under sections 22(5) or 23 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 could not be pre-empted by the contents of a report provided by the local authority under regulation 3 of the Certificates of Unruly Character (Conditions) Order (SI 1977 No 1037); the fact that the report did not say that there was no suitable accommodation for the juvenile did not deprive the court of jurisdiction to make the certificate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an application by a juvenile for judicial review of a decision of the Leicester City Juvenile Court on August 30, 1984 to make a certificate of unruly behaviour in respect of him under section 23 of the 1969 Act, in consequence of which he had been remanded in custody.

Regulation 3 of the 1977 Order provides: "The court shall not certify ... that a young person is of so unruly a character that he cannot safely be committed to the care of a local authority unless one or more of the following conditions is satisfied in respect of him ... (ii) the court is satisfied on the basis of [a written report from the appropriate local authority on the availability of suitable accommodation for him in a community home] that no suitable accommodation is available for him in a community home where he could be accommodated without substantial risk to himself or others ..."

Mr David Farrer for the applicant; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the applicant had submitted that the justices had to ask themselves what suitable accommodation for the particular offender was; and, having identified that, whether such accommodation had been proved to be unavailable.

The applicant contended that the second question had to be answered with reference to the report and that as there had been nothing in the report to the effect that no suitable accommodation was available the justices had had no power to make the certificate.

The court could not accept that submission. The effect of the 1977 Order was to regulate the exercise of the justices' power under the 1969 Act to make certificates of unruly character; regulation 3 did not deprive the court of its power but imposed conditions upon its exercise.

It was the court, not the authority, which had to be satisfied of the non-availability of suitable accommodation, and the function of the report was only to provide information on that question; it was not to be conclusive.

In this case the report had shown only that there was a place open for the applicant in a home where there was no secure accommodation. The justices had been satisfied that he could not be accommodated there without substantial risk to others.

That was sufficient to satisfy the conditions imposed by the regulations and they had been entitled to issue the certificate and remand the applicant in custody; their jurisdiction so to do had not been fettered by the report's failure to state that there was no secure accommodation available.

That construction accorded with the evident intention of the regulation. The practical effect was that the local authority would report what accommodation was available which it considered suitable, but the question whether the risk specified would be incurred if he were placed in such accommodation was a matter for the court.

Solicitors: Marron Dodds & Co, Leicester.

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
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Angles of growth in the global economic triangle

Since economic forecasting is at its weakest when it comes to spotting turning points in the business cycle – and particularly downturns – it behoves us to handle predictions for 1985 with an exceptional degree of caution. For 1985 looks, on historical patters, a somewhat vulnerable year for the world economy. Growth in the industrial world as a whole which began early in 1983, accelerated this year to a rate unknown since 1976; but it was led by the United States, which was past its peak by midsummer.

That does not for one moment suggest we are in for a world slump in 1985 of the kind we suffered in 1975 and 1982 (when the combined outputs of the industrial economies fell). Indeed, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development – which has just forecast growth of 3 per cent for the industiral world – may well be too cautious. The OECD was surprised by the strength of the world economy this year: and, most signifcantly it not only underestimated the springtime American boom but also the rate at which growth carried on in the autumn, everywhere except the United States and strike-handicapped Britain.

West Germany, recovering from its springtime industrial troubles, has probably achieved a growth rate of more than 4 per cent during the past six months. This is particularly sheering, because it suggests that Europe is not quite as moribund as both sides of the Atlantic had come to believe. It marks the first real advance in Europe's dominant economy since 1980; Britain, forecast by the OECD to achieve the highest growth among the leading European countries, may actually enjoy some healthy German competition.

This is not so much a bonus as a necessity. For 1985 has, as we know, to be Europe's year. The United States is now showing signs of bouncing back a little, but whether it grows next year by 3 per cent (as the OECD forecasts) or even 4 per cent (as the Reagan Administration hopes) it is not going to set the pace for the rest of the world. So what we are likely to see after 1984 is rather like what we saw after the last world peak in 1976: not a slump, but a protracted slowdown.

There are obvious lessons here. For today's governments do not view the late 1970s as a time of unalloyed economic success. Yet industrial world growth was sustained at 3-4 per cent during 1977-79, an average we will be lucky to see over the next three years. So what have we learned during the intervening cycles? And could this knowledge be applied to better effect?

Well, we have clearly learnt to suppress inflation more effectively: the industrial world's combined inflation rate bottomed out at about 8 per cent in the late 1970s; today it is 5 per cent and expected to fall just a fraction further. Most of our governments have been through fearful struggles to contain budget deficits. Most of our bankers have learnt a heck of a lesson about soverign lending.

But we have none of us rediscovered the elixir of growth – growth, that is, at a durable rate than can be relied upon, to bring unemployment back to the levels of the 1960s. Consider the three corners of the industrial world. America wins first prize for its ability to turn extra nominal demand for goods and services into real demand for the real output of its own and other economies' citizens. Yet America has pursued growth on the back of policies that are, in today's buzz word, "unsustainable"; and the key indicator of this is not the budget deficit but America's still-growing deficit on international trade.

The United States had plunged far deeper into deficit than in any of the previous three American booms. This is not only because it has expanded more vigorously than its European competitors. There is increasing evidence that the strong dollar is having greater-than-expected impact on America's trade.

Yet this trade deficit is only the consequence, and not the cause, of a lot else that is happening in America. The OECD has been at some pains to examine the reasons for the dollar's persistent strength, which fits none too well with many of the propositions of economic theory. They find long-term real interest rates do provide some partial explanation. A down-to-earth explanation prevalent in the markets is that other governments will now follow any cuts in American short-term interest rates.

Perhaps the most significant part of the OECD analysis is its destruction of the beguiling American industry's superiority: that it is the high returns on real, not financial assets that impels money across the Atlantic from tired old Europe. The OECD demonstrates the interesting conclusion that the profitability of American industry has actually declined, relative to Europe's, over the past business cycle.

It is possible that America's investment surge, now having its impact on production, may reverse that trend. Possible: but unlikely. For Europe, the second corner in the triangle of developed economies, has been enjoying its own surge in investment.

Why, then, can Europe not compete with America's growth? Partly because of its budgetary hassles, partly because of its inflexible markets – for labour, for goods and services that have to move across frontiers – the list is long and drearily familiar. What is not so familiar is the harsh glare of the spotlight on these deficiencies. Once America steps back. Europe's inability to match up to its productive potential will be fully exposed.

Thanks to America, Europe has managed to grow, a little, by exports. It will probably retain this opportunity even as America slows, because its trade balance will decline much more gradually. But it is a weak prop to a growth rate which has been, at best, inadequate.

It is also a prop over-used by the third point of our triangle. Japan displays so many of the economic facilities thirsted after by European governments – flexibility, low unemployment, low inflation, high technological development. But not even Japan holds the secret of growth. Its expansion these past two years has been based on exporting financial capital to the United States, helping to create the trade gap into which its exports can flow; Japan's bilateral trade surplus with the United States this year may exceed $35 billion (£30 billion).

That, too, appears simply "unsustainable". It does not, to repeat, mean that the international cardhouse of the world economy is about to collapse. The most cheerful lesson of the past two years is the ability of the international system to accommodate these extraordinary imbalances, and indeed to extract some considerable advantage from them. Unbalanced, staggered growth in the three corners of our triangle has, for example, kept commodity prices down at levels calculated by the OECD as equivalent to only one-half of their 1974 peaks, and some 8 per cent below their average in the 1960s.

Yet there is an obvious phenomenon of this imbalance to which we seem to have adjusted all too permanently. The slow-growth corner, Europe, is generally forecast to make 1985 the thirteenth year in a row in which its dole queue will lengthen. If the spotlight on the old world next year could lead it, by sustained government co-operation, to defeat this prophecy, that would be an event which rewrote superstition.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Opec accord on oil prices looks shaky, say traders

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The new agreement on oil prices adopted by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) after a full ministerial meeting in Geneva spanning more than two weeks, is already being described as "shaky" by international oil traders.

Under the agreement, from which Nigeria and Algeria have opted out, Opec oil prices officially remain at $29 a barrel, for medium grade oil but the price of heavy crudes rises by 50 cents to $26.50 a barrel, with the cost of very light crudes at the top end of the Opec price structure being cut by 25 cents.

Nigeria and Algeria have argued that the gap between the two grades is too big and will do little to encourage customers to buy their light oils when modern refineries can increasingly cope with heavier grades.

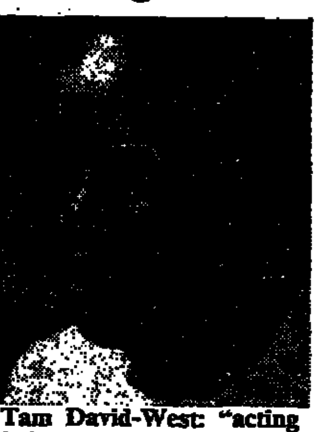
Nigeria is also concerned that Britain and Norway, whose North Sea oil is directly comparable with its Bonny Light crude, may make further cuts in their official contract price which is now between 25 and 35 cents below the Opec marker.

Opec, which has scheduled its next official ministrial meeting for July 22, has already indicated that it regards the new price structure as temporary and plans to hold a meeting in Geneva on January 19 to review the situation.

There are signs that the monitoring committee will be converted to a full meeting of all 13 member nations. Dr Mana Sed Otaiba, the committee chairman and United Arab Emirates oil minister, said yesterday: "We have an interim agreement and we will continue to discuss the differential pricing system next month".

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said that Opec is studying every possibility for changes in its price structure, but for the time being there is no change in its benchmark price.

Dr Subroto, the Opec president, said: "We are the first to recognise that the steps we have taken on price differential may not be ideal".


Tam David-West: "acting in Nigeria's best interests"

The Opec agreement on price differentials is being seen by oil traders as unlikely to do anything to clarify the confused trading pattern in the world oil markets or restore any confidence in Opec.

However, Opec's decision to set up a monitoring committee to enforce its output-quota agreement is being seen as a more positive step and, if successful, could result in a better climate in which to reach a more detailed agreement on prices.

The new committee, which will operate with the help of independent auditors based in each producing country, is due to report to Opec on March 28.

Nigeria, which was the last member country to adopt the Opec quota monitoring agreement and is still out of step with its colleagues in pricing its crude at below the $29 market price, has accepted a role as the African representative of the four-member enforcement body, in an attempt to assure other members that it intends to stick to its quotas.

However, on the matter of price, Nigeria has said that it will have to match any North Sea reduction. The Nigerian oil minister, Professor Tam David-West said yesterday: "I do what is in the best interests of Nigeria. The question of prices is a supreme decisin only to be made by my head of state."

Algeria's reason for not adopting the new price structure is largely because it does not cover prices charged for refined products.

City expects pound to rise 10 cents by year end

By Christopher Dunn

A 10 cent recovery in the sterling=dollar rate, broadly unchanged interest rates; stable equities at the present high levels and a gilt market rally are key features in City expectations for 1985, according to the annual survey of stock market ipinion organized by the stockbroker L Messel.

Returns from the broker's questionaire indicate fund managers see the sterling: dollar rate back up to $1.27, by December 31, 1985, compared with its present $1.16. Clearing bank base rates are forecast to be 9.25 per cent, roughly the same as now.

The Financial Times 30=share Index should be aboant 975, some 30 points above last week's closing levels. Yields on Treasury 13 per cent 2000 should be 10.40 per cent, over half a point better than present returns.

Mr Tim Congdon of L Messel said yesterday that the survey had received 255 replies, 19 more than in 1983. He pointed out that on most of the financial questions the market's view in December 1983 had been remarkably accurate, notably for interest rates, mone supply, public sector borrowing requirement and the balance of payments. But the City had seriously underestimated extent of sterling's weakness

Other elements in the 1984 forecasts include a slight recovery for sterling on the trade-weighted index to 74.1 (December 29:73.2), and little change in the US prime lending rate at 10.3 per cent. Inflation, as measured by the Retail Price Index, ought to rise by 5.3 per cent.

Among real variables, the balance of payments is forecast to slip into deficit by £8 million. United Kingdom gross domestic product should rise by 2.7 per cent, and the US by 3.6 per cent. Organization for economic cooperation and development GDP may rise by a little less, 3.1 per cent. Consumer spending in Britain may increase by 2.8 per cent.

According to Mr Congdon, institutional investors see 1985 as a stable and rather boring year, in terms of the economy.

Asda acquires Odhams site

By Our City Staff

Associated Dairies, the Leeds superstores group, has clinched another deal in its attempt to expand into the lucrative South-eastern consumer belt, by buying the former Odhams printing site in Watford from Mr Robert Maxwell's BPCC group for an undisclosed sum.

Most of the 110-acre site will be modified to form an Asda superstore, scheduled to open in 1986. Planning permission for a change of industrial use is understood to have been negotiated by the BPCC group.

The site has been vacant since last year when Odhams merged with the Sun printing group in Watford. About 1,400 jobs were lost. The Asda store should, when open, lead to the creation of about 800 jobs.

The move marks a coup for Asda which was said to be in sharp competition with Sainsbury, its principal rival in the South East.

It also points to greater competition for Tesco and Sainsbury, the grocery chains which dominate the London area. They have more than 50 per cent of the total square footage in food stores of over 10,000 sqare feet.

Asda's one hundredth store, opened in Charlton, south east London in October, was only its fourth London site.

According to Mr John Hardmah, Asda's managing director, the group would like to run about 30 superstores in the London area.

● Mr Robert Maxwell has promoted two of his sons within his empire. Mr Ian Maxwell, aged 28, becomes a director of the British Printing & Communication Corporation with responsibility for sales development and Mr Kevin Maxwell, aged 26, a director of Pergamon Press wih the title deputy publisher. He will be concerned with computer software. A spokeswoman for Mr Maxwell said: "The appointments are purely on merit."

Beckett urges profit and jobs 'crusade'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, today called for a "national crusade" for 1985 based on a new "determination to succeed".

In a new year message, Sir Terence said: "The stakes are high. Growing unemployment could undermine everything we hold dear. We must develop the business we have open to us and provide more jobs."

For the first time Britian is importing more manufactured goods then it is selling overseas and this is the main reason for the 3.25 million unemployed, Sir Terence said.

Living standards, he believes, are being shored up by the extensive oil and gas reserves in the North Sea.

"But increased prosperity and more jobs should be well within our capacity. We have the skills, the energy and the resourcefulness to match the best that the rest of the world can produce. We must now develop the determination to succeed." Shops should be filled with British goods, although no compromise should be made on appeal, quality, price, availability or after-sales service.

● Britain's managers have been urged to strive for improved competitiveness in a New Year message from Sir Peter Parker, chairman of the British Institute of Managers.

He told the BIM'S 75,000 members: "Improved competitiveness must be our justified obsession in the BIM."

US may drop car quotas

By Our Economics Editor

Trade restrictions will be high on the agenda for talks between President Reagan and Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

There were indications over the weekend from American officials that the Prsident might be prepared to allow curbs on imports on Japanese cars to lapse in March. Restrictions have been in force since 1981, but it is accepted in Washington that a number of joint ventures between American and Japanese car producers has removed part of the case for controls. On their part, Japanese carmakers are pressing hard for an end to restrictions.

A possible solution, to be confirmed by talks between American and Japanese trade ministers scheduled for February, would be for the Americans to allow restrictions to lapse in return from an understanding from the Japanese that they would not mount a major export drive.

Nigerian budget due this week

By John Lawless

Today marks the first anniversary of the coup which brought military rule back to Nigeria.

The ousting of the civilian president Mr Shehu Shagari, came two days after he had announced a "colossal" loss of oil revenues and a budget which promised Nigerians a hefty dose of austerity.

The man who seized power, Major-General Muhammadu Buhari, last week delayed publishing his own tough budget. The international financial community had been geared up to receive it in the hope that it would contain signs that deadlocked talks with the International Monetary Fund might be resumed.

But, said a spokesman at the Nigerian High Commission in London, the budget is now expected some time this week.

Foreigners living in Nigeria have felt the economic measures since the coup. The amount of pay they are allowed to send home has been halved twice in the past year, allowing remittances of just 2½ per cent of salaries.

The IMF will next month be reviewing the effectiveness of such economic measures, and many others taken in the past year – particularly those aimed at reducing imports and conserving foreign exchange.

The obstacle is still Nigeria's refusal to devalue the naira.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

Friday's close and change on week

FT Ind Ord	945.2(+20.9)
FT-A All Share	589.74(+9.76)
FT Govt Securities	81.86(-0.22)
FT-SE 100	1,225.6(+20.9)
Bargains	14,111
Datastream USM	103.94(+0.55)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,204.17(+5.19)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	11,542.6(+68.3)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1,185.67(-12.92)
Amsterdam:	181.9(+0.9)
Sydney:	726.1(+6.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,107.9(+14.9)
Brussels:	
General	158.3(+0.8)
Paris: CAC	182.4(+1.5)
Zurich:	
SKA General	323(+3.7)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $309.50pm-$308.30
close $308.75-$309.25 (£265.50-266)
New York:
Comex $308.25

CURRENCIES

Friday's close and change on week
London:
£: $1.1627 (-0.0108)
£: DM 3.6510 (-0.0025)
£: SwFr 3.0090 (-0.0035)
£: FFr 11.18(-0.005)
£: Yen 291.10 (+0.35)
£ Index: 73.2 (unchanged)
New York:
£: $1.16550
$: DM 3.1357
$ Index: 144.6 (+1.1)

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 9¾-9½
3-month interbank 10 1/16-10
3-month elgible bills: 9 3/32-9 1/32
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.75% Federal Funds 8⅝ 3-month Treasury Bills 7.77-7.73%
Long bond 102 4/32-102 1/32

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Arbuthnot Dollar Income Trust (second interim). Finals: None.
WEDNESDAY – Interims: A I M Group, T R City of London Trust (second interim). Final: None.
THURSDAY: – Interims: British Benzol Carbonising. Finals: Albion.
FRIDAY – Interims: New Court Resources Finals: None.

IN BRIEF

China to join patents body

China is to adhere to the International Patents Convention, according to the official New China News Agency.

Peking has not previously respected international patent, which has discouraged some foreign companies from investing in China.

The accession document was handed over in Geneva by China's Mr Li Luye, China's ambassador, to the head of the United Nations body which supervises the convention. The accession will become effective on March 19.

Citicorp plan

Citycorp, the American banking group, is seeking permission from the Federal Reserve Board to underwrite financial instruments such as corporate bonds, commercial paper and municipal revenue bonds, areas at present closed to banks under the US Glass-Steagall Act, according to a Citycorp spokesman.

Steel pact hope

The EEC proposal for an agreement with the US on Community steel tube and pipe exports to the American market may be approved by Washington today, an EEC spokesman said in Brussels. The EEC proposal limits Community exports of steel tube and pipe to 7.6 per cent of the US market, almost half the 1984 level.

UK FORECASTS

Uneasy consensus over growth

An uneasy consensus has emerged over Britain's economic prospects in 1985. The consensus forecast is for growth of about 3 per cent, inflation remaining at about the current 5 per cent level, steady interest and exchange rates and an improvement in the balance of payments.

No significant improvement in the unemployment outlook is forecast, but those forecasters who expect unemployment to rise further in 1985, expect it to do so at a slower rate than in 1984.

The Forecast for 1985

	Growth, GDP (per cent)	Inflation, 4th quarter (per cent)	Unemployment, millions, 4th quarter	Balance of payments, current account (£bn)	Exchange rate, sterling index, Q4	Bank base rate, 4th quarter (per cent)
Treasury	3.5	4.5	3.0*	2.5	75.0*	–
OECD	3.0	4.5	3.0	0	75.0*	–
National Institute	3.3	6.5	3.2	–0.7	70.0	9.5
London Business School	3.1	5.0	3.2	0.8	81.0	8.0
Liverpool Group	3.5	2.5	3.1	0.5	77.5	8.0
Henley Centre	2.4	6.0	3.2	–0.65	76.0	9.5
Phillips & Drew	3.2	5.4	3.2	0.6	76.5	9.0
Simon & Coates	3.5	4.2	3.1	1.0	76.0	8.0
James Capel	2.6	4.9	3.2	0.1	75.0	9.0
Laing & Cruickshank	3.1	6.0	3.1	0.3	75.8	10.0
1984	2.2	4.9	3.1	0	75.0	10.0

*Assumption.

The uneasiness arises because, while the Chancellor of the Exchequer sees 1985 as: "The fourth year of steady growth, with a further year of investment and export-led growth in prospect and with no sign whatever of a resurgence in inflation," other forecasters see the prospects for Britain as slightly more vulnerable.

The range of forecasts for growth in 1985 is, broadly, 2.5-3.5 per cent, with the Treasury at the top end of the range. Already, one of the assumptions in the Treasury prediction has proved incorrect – that of the coal stike being over by the end of 1984 – and it is here that some forecasters see problems in 1985.

The 1985 growth estimates, including those of the Treasury, assume a bounce-back effect from the ending of the miners' strike of about 1 per cent. When this is taken into account, the Treasury's underlying growth forecast for 1985 is 2.5 per cent, the Henley Centre's less than 1.5 per cent.

In its December *Economic Outlook*, the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development gave a warning that one of the main risks to the continued British recovery in 1985 was that "the coal strike could be prolonged through the winter with more serious consequences than hitherto."

Even at the top end of the range of growth forecasts, the economy is not expected to move at a strong enough rate to bring about a reduction in unemployment. The Treasury's working assumption is that adult unemployment will remain around the 1984/85 average of three million. Others see the level creeping up to 3.2 million.

The biggest differences of opinion arise on inflation prospects for 1985. Professor Patrick Minford's Liverpool University forecasting group, now no longer effectively counterbalanced by Professor Wynne Godley's Cambridge Economic Policy Group, sees the downward path to nil inflation resumed in earnest in 1985, with inflation ending the year, at about 2.5 per cent.

Several of the forecasters expect inflation to end 1985 at about 6 per cent, the effects of sterling's weakness and high wage growth feeding through to the figures.

However, Simon & Coates, which has just reduced its fourth-quarter 1985 inflation forecast, sees the sterling weakness effect as coming through in the middle of 1985, when inflation is forecast to rise to around 5.5 per cent, lower interest and mortgage rates bringing inflation down to 4.2 per cent by the end of the year.

The balance of payments, which should benefit by over £2 billion from the ending of the miners' strike, again has the Treasury at the top of the forecast range, with most others either side of current balance.

The risks to the economy that the forecasters stress are excessively high pay settlements, a forced rise in domestic interest rates and the coal strike. The authorities appear to have been given the benefit of the doubt on the control of the money supply and the public sector borrowing requirement, although some doubts are creeping in.

Simon & Coates sums up prospects for 1985 by saying: "None of the usual constraints which have led previous recoveries to abort – inflation, balance of payments crises, labour shortages – is threatening to kill off growth in 1985."

David Smith

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9	Hewden-Stuart	
10	Turriff	
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14	Allied Colloids	
15	Coates Bros	
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18	Coalite	
19	Ellis & Everard	
20	Laporte	
	INDUSTRIALS L–R	
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23	Nolton	
24	McKechnie	
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26	Ransomes Sims	
27	Pentland Ind	
28	Martonair	
29	ML	
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32	Milbury	
33	Stock Conversion	
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Capitalization and week's change

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(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
62.0m	Brown Shipley	430	● ..	12.1b	2.8	20.1
60.8m	Cater Allen	528	● +15	41.3	7.8	9.5
10.5m	Cattles	24	+½	2.0	8.5	8.7
471.4m	Chart J Rthschld	108	+6	6.4	6.0	13.2
1,429.5m	Chase Manhattan	£41¼	+¼	364	8.9	..
4,820.3m	Citicorp	£33⅞	● +½	205	6.1	..
17.2m	Clive	72	+3	5.1	7.1	13.1
—	Commerzbank	£48⅞	..	6.0	0.1	..
—	Deutsche Bank	£105½	..	120	11.4	..
93.7m	First Nat Finance	75½	..	..	..	8.9
65.4m	Gerrard Nat	319	+7	17.1	5.4	9.4
100.4m	Guinness Peat	59	+2	0.9	1.5	21.7
132.7m	Hambros	153	● .	9.0	5.9	10.0
—	Do (50p)	£13	● ..	88.8	6.8	13.6
284.3m	Hill Samuel	315	● +5	15.4	4.9	8.9
2,459.0m	HK Shanghai	86	+1½	..h	..	..
6,123,000	Joseph (Leopold)	233	● ..	16.1	6.9	12.2
15.5m	King & Shaxson	172	+2	11.8	6.9	14.8
225.0m	Kleinwort Benson	380	..	17.9	4.7	8.6
1,241.2m	Lloyds	528	+10	34.9	6.6	4.4
10.9m	Lon Scot Fin	59	+2	3.8	6.5	11.3
7,245,000	Manson	25	+1	1.4	5.7	9.8
162.7m	Mercury Secs	418	+10	16.4	3.9	8.8
845.6m	Midland	367	+6	36.4	9.9	6.1
—	Nat Aust Bk	248	● ..	..	..	..
2,125.4m	Nat West	592	+13	36.2	6.1	4.8
—	Ottoman	£69½	..	450	6.5	10.6
79.7m	Provident	195	+6	13.6	7.0	8.9
21.0m	Rea Bros	78	−2	1.8	2.3	25.2
1,804.1m	Royl Bnk Of Can	£19⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
575.3m	Royl Bnk Of Scot	254	● +4	12.1	4.8	9.0
113.9m	Schroders	725	..	23.6	3.2	12.2
5,280,000	Seccombe M	330	● +10	28.6	8.7	10.9
14.7m	Smith St Aubyn	88	+5	8.4	9.5	6.2
741.7m	Stand Chart	477	+3	40.0	8.4	6.6
72.8m	Union	725	+10	48.6	6.7	11.9
14.5m	Wagon	65	−1	3.9	6.2	17.0
980.6m	Wells Fargo	£41⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
20.3m	Wintrust	240	..	6.1	2.6	16.2

BUILDING AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
30.1m	Aberdeen Constr	182	..	9.4	5.2	9.2
164.9m	Amec	256	● +1	15.0	5.9	10.4
2,700,000	Amcliffe	54	..	..e	..	8.3
28.9m	Ashwoods	83	r .	5.0b	6.0	24.8
525.4m	BPB Industries	278	● ..	10.4	3.8	9.9
8,240,000	Beggeridge Brick	208	● −8	8.9	4.3	8.7
135.1m	Barratt Devs	76	.	10.9	14.3	5.1
1,518,000	Bailey(Ben) Constr	29	● +1	2.6	8.9	5.8
—	Beechwood	..	f ..	..	..	..
22.6m	Bellway	131	● +1	10.0	7.6	8.8
15.6m	Benford Concrete	70	..	5.4	7.7	15.8
7,650,000	Bett Bros	51	..	4.1	8.0	18.4
9,776,000	Blockleys	570	..	30.0	5.3	14.6

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COMMODITIES REVIEW

Prices low despite economic recovery

This has been a year of surprisingly low commodity prices. The world economy is in its third year of recovery, following the first signs of the emergence of the US from recession in the last quarter of 1982, but dollar prices of commodities have fallen.

The Economist's commodity price index registered a 13.8 per cent fall on the year, having peaked in March after a steady rise since October 1982. Food commodities were down 14.2 per cent, non-food agricultural commodities down 15.2 per cent and metals down 11.6 per cent.

In Special Drawing Rights (a basket of five currencies including dollar, sterling, yen, mark and French franc) 1984 prices have also fallen. The all-commodity index was down 9.3 per cent, the food index 9.8 per cent, non-food agricultural index 10.8 per cent and metals 7.1 per cent.

Only in sterling terms did commodities see average rises, which is easily explained by the 30 per cent depreciation of sterling against the dollar during the course of 1984. The all-commodities sterling index rose 2.7 per cent and the metals index saw the biggest rise at 5.3 per cent. Record highs established this month by both nickel and tin were highs only in sterling terms, and the metals' dollar performance has been unexceptional.

The main reasons for the price weakness appear to have been oversupply and high US interest rates. Debt-ridden developing countries boosted production and exports of primary products to try to meet rising interest payments.

Over-optimistic demand projections caused many metals producers to reactivate idle capacity too early, only to cut back again once the precise state of demand became clear. Recovery in economic activity in Europe has followed less speedily than in the US and was hampered by the strength of the dollar, which inhibited demand for dollar-denominated commodities.

High interest rates have kept a lid on consumer stockbuilding and deterred speculators, due to the greater attractions of US financial instruments. The absence of speculative interest was nowhere more apparent than in gold, where prices slumped to 2½-year lows, just above $300 an ounce. The metal's attractions as a hedging instrument faded with the progressive lowering of inflationary expectations.

The other precious metals retreated in sympathy, despite their greater industrial usage. Platinum even lost its traditional premium, sinking to a $10 discount to the gold price.

The other spectacular loser was sugar, where prices slumped to 14-year lows at $100.50 a tonne of raw sugar, due to chronic oversupply. Massive overproduction, not least by the EEC, which keeps prices artificially high for both the domestic producer and consumer, and no sign of any pick-up in consumption hit prices.

Tea has been one of the very few consistently strong performers among the main commodities, but even it peaked at recored highs last January, with average prices at 317p a kg at the London auctions. Auction prices crept back over the 300p level in October and are now around 273p a kg.

The outlook for 1985 is generally for some firming of commodity prices as US interest rates come down and the contnuing capital goods recovery in the US boosts demand for metals. Steadily falling stock levels in 1984 should also help metals, but on present crop indications the prices of soft commodities (tea excepted) are expected to weaken further.

Alison Eadie

USM REVIEW

Technology loses height and drags the index down with it

Equities are ending the year with a triumphant flourish. The three leading share indices are riding at new highs and there is confident talk that further scintillating progress will be made next year.

But, as measured by the Datastream computer, the junior share market has missed the party. At Friday's close the Datastream USM Index was 103.94 points – a far cry from the 118.54 points it achieved in May.

At that time shares were enjoying a particularly good spell. The FT SE share index, which embraces 100 stocks, was stretching to new peaks.

The market as a whole, after a pause for breath, continued to break into new high ground. But the USM, as measured by the index, has been in sad retreat.

It is the USM's deep involvement with high technology stocks which has left it limping weakly behind.

More than 20 per cent of the USM is represented by computer and related companies. And since May many a once high-flying technology share has lost altitude as investors have fretted and fussed about the industry.

Many of the early dreams have died as companies have run into difficulties. Not for the first time the computer industry, although still offering rich rewards, has turned out to be an expensive indulgence for the unlucky and unwary.

Six USM computer shares feature in the worst 20 performing shares of 1984. **CIFER**, with an 87 per cent decline, and **Adam Leisure Group**, 84 per cent, actually achieved the unenviable distinction of suffering the sharpest 1984 setbacks.

Acorn Computers, once the USM's biggest company with a £217 million valuation, has shrunk to a mere £65.5 million as the market's enchantment with the high technology world has faded.

But making some endeavour to redress the balance is **Microfilm Reprographics**, the best-performing USM share with a 219 per cent advance. MR, market capitalization £6.2 million, is, in effect, a computer stock.

MR came to market in June 1981, at 51p. The price now is 170p.

The profits record is patchy. A 1982 £215,000 profit was translated into a £93,000 loss in the following year. But this year a £261,000 profit was achieved.

Computer shares were the stars of the USM in 1983. As they slipped out of fashion they were replaced by what have become known as people shares – the sort of company which has its principle assets going up and down in its lift.

Such shares – and many others – have made spectacular debuts this year.

It is, therefore, worth emphasizing that **Valin Pollen International**, the public relations group which me to market in January, is now selling at 75 times earnings at 366p. **Craton Lodge and Knight Group**, a business specializing in new product launches, is on a 42 p/e at 187p and **Addison Communications**, a design and public relations group, is on a 37 p/e at 200p.

But last week's sudden fall and only partial recovery of the shares of the market's only fully quoted public relations group, **Good Relations**, may serve to emphasize the particular vulnerability of people companies to that ancient stock market game – rumour.

Even so, in 1985 the USM can expect a continuous influx of people companies as well as the now jaded technology stocks.

Derek Pain

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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US NOTEBOOK

Shares are best new year buy

Last week I drew attention to some astounding developments: as short-term interest rates have collapsed over the last four months and the price of gold has fallen sharply, the dollar has failed to crack and the rally in bond prices has tailed away to a very slow uptrend.

These remarkable events point to a fact that orthodox economists have been most unwilling to concede – over the past four years of "Reaganomics", the world we live in has changed.

Prices have only a weak upward tendency. Disinflation may be far more ingrained that orthodox economists have been willing to concede. The unorthodox economists who have been talking about deflation are, so far, milea ahead on points.

For those planning investment programmes, these ideas suggest that profits from "hard" assets will continue to be difficult to make. Gold, commodities, and even real estate not return as good outlets for our money for some time.

Bonds will continue to yield good returns, as the prices of bonds generally hold up while short-term interest rates decline. Bonds may also benefit from some further deflationary pressure which will emerge if and when the tax reforms proposed by the US treasury are adopted.

These reforms will probably have an initial deflationary impace, as taxes on business are raised before taxes on individuals are reduced.

Currencies may show some improvements during 1985. We would not want to rush into investments in currencies such as the Deutsche mark or yen if only because these currencies have remained either almost stationary, or have declined in value over the recent months when US short-term interest rates have crashed.

The financial markets are telling us, so far, that despite the crash of Us short-term interest rates and the prospect of further declines to come:

- Bonds will hold their value but will not appreciate much.
- Gold will not hold its value.
- Commodities will not hold their value.
- Stocks will struggle to hold their value and may well succeed.

Looking at this array of possibilities and probabilities, the broad category of stocks must have the best prospects. Stocks have the following factors going for them:

- A continuing prospect of low inflation and hence of containable cost levels.
- A prospect of economic expansion renewed during 1985
- A prospect of renewed growth in corporate profits in 1985 and 1986.
- Substantial reductions in corporate interest costs, as debt may be refinanced under more favourable conditions.
- The broad stimulating effect of lower interests rates, enhancing the multiples on stock prices.

Two great fears have so far held stocks back:

- The fear of recession in 1985. I not believe this is a realistic fear any longer, as the Federal Reserve has been terrified by the mistake it made in April-May this year when it erroneously imposed a freeze on money growth. The Fed has allowed the Federal funds rate to collapse since the end of August and has begun bring about a substantial increase in the rate of growth of banks' reserves.
- The fear and uncertainty generated by the new tax reform package proposed by the US Treasury. This package has frightened investors as it appears to be directed towards a big increase in the effective rate of taxation on corporations.

As time goes by, I believe the stock market participants will observe that the economy is moving onto another growth phase in 1985 under very favourable conditions of low costs and low interest rates. I believe that tremendous pressure will be applied to the US Treasury to abandon or substantially modify the tax reform package as it applies to corporations.

Maxwell Newton

CRICKET

India's loss can be turned to England's gain

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Calcutta

The third Test match between England and India begins here today, a shadow cast across it by the rustication from the Indian side of Kapil Dev, an idol among his countrymen. How his absense will affect the crowd and their behaviour remains to be seen. Beyond any doubt, it improves England's chances of at least consolidating their position in the series. The score stands at one match apiece with three to go.

Like the whole of India, with the exception of their selectors and the captain, I had hoped to see Kapil and Gavaskar walking out together at Eden Gardens (gardens they used to be, concrete colossus it now is) this morning, their differences settled. There is such joy in watching Kapil play But that is not to be.

It is as though Botham, when Brearley was his captain, had been dropped for a match for one of his more reckless adventures. These differences are part and parcel of cricket on the sub-continent. They hardly know what it is to be without them in Pakistan, where the rivalry between Karachi and Lahore is, if anything, more subversive than that between Delhi and Bombay.

If England change the side which won the second Test, it will probably be only because they are obliged to. Robinson and Ellison both returned to their hotel early from yesterday's practice, Robinson with a queasy stomach and Ellison for treatment on his back. Robinson, however, is likely to be fit enough to play while Foster would replace Ellison. After his monumental innings in Delhi, Robinson has become rather important, and it would be a pity for Ellison to have to miss Calcutta, where, before the natural mists disperse (play starts at 9.45) the ball will sometimes swing.

The outfield is in superb condition and the pitch is well shorn. A couple of tours ago, one of the ground staff was despatched to the local hardware store for half a dozen scrubbing brushes, the Indian camp to their gorror having found a grassy pitch. I expect the ball will be running slowly by Thursday (Wednesday is the rest day) but that a result will still be hard to achieve.

Having just come from England, I know how much people there have been cheered by England's three successive victories – in the Test Match, against East Zone and in a one-day international. There is also a buoyant spirit in the England party. With only one day's cricket in the last nine, they are keen to get back to business. Their Christmas was spent not so much in Calcutta but with Calcutta going on around them – outside the walls of their hotel or of the Tollygunge club.

For the last 20 years, Test matches at Eden Gardens have attracted the largest crowds, day in and day out, in the cricket world. The capacity is 80,000, and by the time tickets have been fiddled, filched and forged there have seldom been fewer than 100,000 inside. If the ground is less than full, as the others have been on the present tour, it would be like the pilgrims abandoning Mecca, or Wembley having rows of empty seats for the FA Cup Final or Horse Guards Parade for Trooping the Colour.



Ellison: back trouble

At a ceremony here yesterday, when he was presented with a gold cup to mark his 30 centuries in Test cricket, Gavaskar asked the people to go to "their respective places of worship and pray for the Indian team which is now at a dangerous crossroads". I would rather not be him when, without Kapel Dev, he takes the field today.

The umpiring, I am told, has been worse than bad. It has, some say, been dubiously one-sided. We shall see. On several tours of India I have only once suspected that.

I am keen to see how fast Cowans is bowling. No slower than Marshall is one rather surprising view; but then Marshall has Holding, Garner and various others in support. And can Gatting keep it up? There is a school of thought here that he should be batting not at No 3 but one place lower, as though an average of more than 70 in not enough. Against India at the moment, if not necessarily against Australia next summer, his aggressive approach at first wicket down is sureely one of England's most important assets. The alternative, at the end of last season, was Tavaré, who would be aiming not to take the initiative but to occupy the crease.

In the ordinary way the announcement of a team on tour is left to the mamager. It is being done this time by Gower, who said yesterday that if Robinson and Ellison are fit the only change in the England side might be Marks, as a third slow blwer, for Cowdrey. But Cowdrey's fielding is an obvious boon, and he was beginning to bat confidently in the second Test match when he was out. At Delhi, Edmonds and Pocock complemented each other, bowling as a pair, until the Indian batsmen were mesmerized by them. While that is happening an extra spinner would seem to count for less than a brilliant fielder.

The umpires are B Ganguli, who stood in the first Test match, and V Raju, who has not previously been subjected to this harrowing distinction.

- Sunil Gavaskar will add to his long list of world records today, when he makes his 88th consecutive Test appearance, beating the previous mark of 87 set by his brother-in-law, Gundappa Viswanath. Gavaskar has already scored more Test runs, centuries and half centuries than any other batsman and figures in the most century partnerships at international level.

French at summit

The England reserve wicketkeeper, Bruce French, will take a break this week from England's tour, as long as the first choice wicketkeeper, Paul Downton, plays in the third Test. French, a keen mountaineer, is being allowed to achieve a lifetime's ambition and visit Mount Everest.

Wessels overcomes 'block' with 120

Sydney (Reuter) – Kepler Wessels scored an unbeaten and courageous 120 for Australia on the opening day of the fifth and final Test match against West Indies yesterday.

The South African-born left-hander, one of the few batsmen to come to terms with the West Indian fast bowlers in this series, helped Australia to an encouraging total of 235 for two wickets by close of play.

Clive Lloyd, the West Indian captain, who is keen to mark his final Test Appearence with a win, enjoyed an early success when Hilditch was well caught behind the wicket by Dujon off Holding for two with 12 runs on the board. But, surprisingly, it was to be the sole success of the day for West Indies' four-pronged fast attack.

Wessels and Wood repaired the damage with a second-wicket stand of 114, Wood making a solid 45, and then Wessels, despite being frequently struck on the body, went on to complete his fourth Test Century

Though the Australians had much the better of the first day, it could have been a different story. Wessels was almost run out off the first ball he faced, and Greenidge dropped Wood at fourth slip in Holding's first over.

Wood made the most of his luck before falling to a stunning catch at midwicket by Haynes off the little used spinner, Gomes. Ritchie, making his first Test appearance of the summer, them partnered Wessels in a stand of 68 and made 30 before being forced to retire hurt, having been struck in the face by a lifting ball from Walsh. He was taken to hospital for a precautionary x-ray examination of his right cheekbone.

Wessels, who had to have his right shoulder packed in ice after being hit by a ball from Marshall, said he had had to overcome a psychological barrier when facing the West Indies fast bowlers. "I felt very low after two low scores in the Perth Test, but I have always felt that if you can overcome adversity you end up a better man," he said.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

A. M. J. Hilditch c Dujon b Holding	2
G. M. Wood c Haynes b Gomes	45
K. C. Wessels not out	120
G. M. Ritchie retired hurt	30
* A. R. Border not out	19
Extras (lb-5 nb-14)	19
Total (2 wkts)	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-126.

D. C. Boon, †S. J. Rixon, M. J. Bennett, G. F. Lawson, R. G. Holland and C. J. McDermott to bat.

BOWLING: Marshall 16-1-58-0, Garner 13-4-31-0, Holding 14-1-44-1, Walsh 15-0-57-0, Gomes 12-2-29-1, Richards 7-2-11-0.

West Indies: C. G. Greenidge, D. L. Haynes, R. B. Richardson, H. A Gomes, I. V. A. Richards, †P. J. Dujon, * C. H. Lloyd, M. D. Marshall, M. A. Holding, J. Garner, C. A. Walsh.

Lawson's fine

SYDNEY, (Reuter) – Geoff Lawson, the Australian pace bowler was yesterday fined A$2,000 (£1,500) by the team manager Bob Merriman, on the eve of the fifth Test against West Indies here. Lawson must pay A$500 (£320) of the fine immediately. Payment of the rest has been suspended until March 31, 1986.

The punishment was imposed following incidents during the drawn fourth Test in Melbourne, when the West Indies Cricket Board complained afterwards about Lawson's behaviour towards the umpire, Steve Randell, and his conduct while bowling to Viv Richards and particularly Gordon Greenidge. Lawson's actions probably cost him the vacant vice-captaincy, which has gone to Graeme.

Downpour stops play

Brisbane (Reuter) – A tropical downpur washed out the one-day limited overs game between the England women cricketers and Queensland here yesterday. The touring team were 99 for five

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Consolidated Crds	9¾%
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† Mortgage Base Rate.

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FOOTBALL: MANCHESTER UNITED AND EVERTON TAKE THE CHANCE TO REALIGN THEIR SIGHTS ON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TARGET

Robson brings touch of world class to Chelsea

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Chelsea	1
Manchester United	3

Bryan Robson rose above the battle of Stamford Bridge, the heavy mud and the mess disguised as Manchester United's defence on Saturday. In confirming that he is the most influential player in the country, he led his side away from the fearful prospect of yet another pointless visit and back towards their intended destination, the championship.

The captain of United and England is already known for his ruthlessness, his power and his goalscoring ability. To those substantial qualities he added a tactical awareness and a vision that were dramatically to transform the afternoon. As Ian McNeill, Chelsea's assistant manager, was to admit later: "Today we ran into a world-class player in Robson".

United, as unpredictable as a colour-blind chameleon, were transparently vulnerable at the start. "We didn't play too well for the first 20 minutes", was the opinion offered by Mick Brown, United's assistant manager. Didn't play too well? Bailey and the back four could not have painted a more convincing picture of chaos and hesitancy if they had tried.

But they have recently perfected the art, particularly outside Old Trafford, where they had lost five of their six previous games. "Davies was left so clear for their goal that he must have expected to get kicked up in the air", Brown said. "He obviously doesn't know us". He took advantage, with the assistance of a post, anyway.

United continued to be anything but sound at the back until Duxbury, out of form and fortunate to be chosen over Gidman, committed an outrageous foul on Dixon, who was clear, for which he should have been instantly dismissed. McNeill believed the incident was the turning point but Robson had already altered the balance.

As well as compensating for Strachan's and particularly Muhren's lack of physical commitment (five players were booked), he sensed that he would lose his blue-shirted shadow if he moved occasionally out to the flanks. Spackman and Keith Jones, promising youngsters though they may be, could not cope with the speed and variety of his runs.

Robinson was involved directly with all three goals that were claimed by Hughes, with a spectacular header, and Moses midway through the first half, and by the admirable Stapleton just after the hour. By then United had taken off their cloak of self-doubt and were to be seen in their finest colours of vivid red.

The contribution of McGrath, returning from injury, was significant as well. Although he later conceded a penalty, which Dixon rolled wide, he emerged as a central pillar for which Ron Atkinson has been searching with increasing anxiety. Yet McGrath's partner, McQueen, remains comfortable only in the air.

To their cost, Chelsea, who introduced Speedie, to broaden their attack after the interval, continued to bounce their ideas largely off his prominent head, and McNeill suggested that his youngsters will have learnt to curb their enthusiasm and slow the pace down. Nevertheless, the progess of the second division has been notably rapid.

"If we had won today, it would have completed our best-ever year", he said. United could be halfway through their most successful campaign since 1967, the year they last won the title, but much depends on the fitness of Robson, the man who by May should have led his country to the threshold of Mexico.

CHELSEA: E. Niedzwiecki; D. Wood, J. Jones, C. Pates, J. McLaughlin, K. Jones (sub D. Speedie), P. Nevin, N. Spackman, K. Dixon, G. Davies, M. Thomas.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G. Bailey; M. Duxbury, A. Albiston, R. Moses, G. McQueen, P. McGrath, B. Robson, G. Strachan, F. Stapleton, M. Hughes, A. Muhren.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay).



Paisley style upsets title designs

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen have increased their lead at the top of the premier division to four points but they are no longer sailing serenely towards the championship. They have taken only two points from their past three games and they were perhaps fortunate to draw 2–2 with an enterprising St Mirren at Paisley. It took a late equalizer by McDougall to salvage a point.

Aberdeen showed the resilience of champions in dragging themselves back in an entertaining match played with the pace and urgency of a cup tie, with Gallagher and McAvennie scoring for St Mirren, who enjoyed their best form of the season after McDougall had put Aberdeen ahead in only 12 minutes.

If Aberdeen are stuttering, Celtic's nerves are near breaking point. For more than an hour, they outplayed Dundee United at Parkhead in a game packed with entrancing moves, but they had only a goal by Burns to show for their superiority. Then Johnston missed a penalty, McAlpine in the United goal had a succession of glorious saves and Celtic relapsed into depression. Their much maligned defence faltered and United struck splendidly on the break to win with goals from Sturrock and Gough.

Now Dundee United, who in successive weeks have ended the long unbeaten records at home of the two clubs leading the league, are back in contention as challengers for the title.

Rangers are even better placed than United. A convincing 4-2 win over Dumbarton at Boghead puts them only two points behind Celtic. The player who delighted the visiting supporters was McMinn, who capped a spirited display by scoring direct from a corner. The others on the mark for Rangers were Ferguson, Mitchell and Cooper while Simpson and Coyle scored for Dumbarton, who faded after missing early chances.

While the cautious Jim McLean, the manger of Dundee United, believes Aberdeen and Celtic "are still too good to throw away their lead", he may change his mind later this week after two of the most important matches of any Scottish New Year programme. Rangers and Celtic meet at Ibrox on Tuesday while United hope to take another notable scalp on Wednesday when they face Aberdeen at home. Wins for Rangers and United will throw the title race wide open.

There was no festive fare however for Hibernian and Morton who were beaten by Dundee and Heart of Midlothian respecitively and remain even more firmly entrenched in the relegation zone.

All fall down

Halifax Town will decide after fitness checks today whether to ask the Football League for permission to postpone their fourth division at Rochdale tomorrow.

Twelve of their 18 professionals and apprentices have influenza, two more than on Saturday when the League agreed to Halifax's request to call off the home match against Stockport County.

Up and away: Strachan of Manchester United flies past Thomas of Chelsea (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Tottenham labour the points

By Vince Wright

Tottenham Hotspur	2
Sunderland	0

Tottenham Hotspur's best football these days is being played away from White Hart Lane. The League leaders, who squandered a two-goal advantage in their home match with West Ham United on Boxing Day, laboured for long periods on Saturday against a pitifully ineffective Sunderland before making sure of three points.

So Tottenham gained revenge for two defeats inflicted on them by the Wearsiders this season. One of them was in the Milk Cup earlier this month, but since then they have gone from strength to streth while Sunderland have slid down the table. Totenham's task was made easier by injuries which ruled out three Sunderland players, Chisholm, Gayle and West. The absence of Gayle and West meant that Sunderland's attacks lacked a cutting edge and because of Perryman's fine containing job on Walker, Clemence spent the afternoon trying to keep warm.

Sunderland's goalkeeper, Turner, had no such problem. He seems to excel against Tottenham and he rescued his overworked defence with splendid saves from Galvin, Chiedozie and Falco. Two of those chances were created by Hoddle who celebrated his return with some typically subtle touches and a masterly goal after eight minutes.

Hoddle's free-kicks invariably spell danger and this one, from a central position about 20 yards out, left Turner flat-footed as the ball sailed into the top left-hand corner of the net. Although always in control, Tottenham did not increase their lead until injury time when a right-wing corner led to Crooks scoring his fourth goal in as many matches.

Tottenham are experiencing all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of having a large squad. The manager, Peter Shreeves, is to be congratulated on keeping everybody happy, despite making frequent team changes. Hughton was demoted to substitute on Saturday, paying a heavy price for an indifferent game against West Ham, and the quality of Tottenham's reserves – Ardiles, Hazard, Allen and Thomas to name just four – is such that no one's position is safe.

There is a new resilience about Tottenham which is enabling them to win without playing well. This was one of those occasions.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; G Stevens, G Mabbutt, G Roberts, P Miller, S Perryman, J Chiedozie, M Falco, A Gavin (sub: C Hughton), G Hoddle, G Crooks.
SUNDERLAND: C Turner; B Venison, N Pickering, S Berry (sub: Cummins), G Bennett, S Elliott, G Hodgson, P Daniel, P Atkinson, M Proctor, C Walker.
Referee: J Ashworth (Leicestershire).

Rise and fall of the middle classes

By David Powell

At the beginning of the month Nottingham Forest and Newcastle United seemed to be heading for a season fo first division anonymity. Locked together on the same number of points, they occupied the halfway positions in the table but how drastically the picture has chnaged over the last five games. Forest, with four victories, and Newcastle, with as many defeats, are now 13 places apart, Brian Clough's team challenging for the championship, Jack Charlton's in danger of relegation.

Forest recovered from two goals down to beat Aston Villa 3-2 and they are now the best placed of the outsiders to break up the gang of four – Tottenham Hotspur, Everton, Manchester United and Arsenal – who have been impregnable at the top during the past two months. There remains, however, a three-point gap to make up as Arsenal, inspired by Nicholas's return to form, won 3-1 at Newcastle, so ending a sequence of five successive Canon League away defeats.

Nicholas scored Arsenal's first with a deftly curled free kick and precipitated Roeder to put through his own net for the visitors' second goal. Williams, the England midfield player signed from Southampton, may have to wait beyond tomorrow's North London derby against Tottenham for his debut.

Two other London sides in poor form recently, West Ham United and Queen's Park Rangers, won away. West Ham, who started December on the championship fringe, produced their first victory of the month, at Coventry City. It was an action replay for Cottee who, just as he did last season, scored both West Ham's goals in a 2-1 win at Highfield Road.

Coventry's supporters, who over the past two seasons have had nothing to worry about at Christmas but have found relegation on their doorstep by April, seem set for a longer period of anxiety. Their nerves will not be helped by the announcement by their new managfter, Don Mackay, that he does no envisage making immediate changes to a squad which has taken just four points from the last eight games.

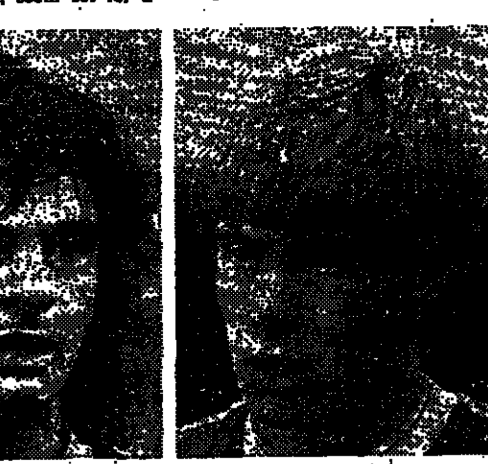
Queen's Park Rangers succeeded where Manchester United had failed on Boxing Day, winning at Stoke City. No such satisfaction for Luton Town in their attempt to emulate Leicester City's victory at Anfield, Liverpool winning 1-0.

The 3-1 defeat by Huddersfield Town of Blackburn Rovers, the second division leaders, was not as surprising as it may seem. Huddersfield, the first team to win at Ewood Park this season, have been picking up more points than Blackburn in November and December. Their latest victory was their tenth in 13 games. Oxford United scored five goals at for the fifth time this season but Birmingham City's home form continues to let them down. If they could Succeed at St Andrews as they do away they would be the league leaders. Wolverhampton Wanderers, beaten 4-0 at Manchester City, have lost six in a row and are in the relegation zone for the first time this season.

Robert Lee's three goals in eight minutes not only helped his club, Charlton Athletic, gain a valuable win but also completed a satisfying day for Martin Robinson, the Gillingham forward. Robinson scored in a 4-1 victory over third division promotion rivals, Bristol Rovers. Asked in a match programme to name his young player for the future, Robinson chose Robert Lee.

Cooke on loan

Brentford have signed the Cambridge United forward Robbie Cooke on two months' loan with a view to a permanent transfer. He will play at Plymouth tomorrow.



Goal happy: Nicholas (left) and Cottee

McMenemy glosses over trouble

By Simon O'Hagan

Southampton	0
Sheffield Wednesday	3

Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton manager, was putting on a brave face. "We've had the best year in the club's history, but a poor last week", he said after his side had been comprehensively beaten by Sheffield Wednesday at the Dell on Saturday, their second home defeat in five days.

Southampton finished second to Liverpool in the first division last season, and between September 8 and December 12 went unbeaten for 21 matches in domestic competition, so McMenemy can perhaps justify standing back and seeing a broadly favourable picture of 1984. But if he moves a little closer to the canvas he surely cannot ignore the disfiguring effect of the club's recent upheavals.

It is greatly to Southampton's, and McMenemy's, credit that the problems involving Wright and Williams off the field have taken so long to manifest themselves on it. Now that they have done so, the successes of the last 12 months seem unlikely to be repeated in 1985.

Southampton's jaded performance could not be explained simply by the absence of Williams, sold at last to Arsenal on Friday, Jordan, suspended, and Dennis, who has a hamstring injury. There was an uncharacteristic lack of morale, the cause of which seemed to lie much deeper.

If you are in that kind of mood, Sheffiedl Wednesday must be the worst of opponents, for whatever they lack in individual flair, they more than make up for in teamwork, concentration and sheer fitness. Their bulk in defence and attack is well complemented by the speed and elusiveness of Blair and Marwood in midfield.

The story of the match was summed up in the 70th minute when Wednesday broke out of defence and at one point had five attackers taking on only Baker and Shilton. Not for the first time Shilton rescued his side, his deflection of Marwood's cross forcing a miscued shot from Shelton. However, he was powerless to prevent Wednesday's three goals, from Chapman in the 35th and 52nd minutes, and Varadi in the 54th.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills, S Baker, D Puckett, M Whitlock, M Wright, N Holmes, A Curtis, S Moran, D Armstrong, D Wallace.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, P Shirtliff, L Madden, M Lyons, N Worthington, B Marwood, A Blair, I Varadi, L Chapman, G Shelton.
Referee: A Buksh (Harrow).

● George Lawrence, the Oxford United forward, has returned to his old club Southampton in a deal completed on Saturday.

Sharp draws blood twice from the Ipswich defence

By Clive White

Ipswich Town	0
Everton	2

Perhaps it is about time that the romantics stopped dreaming that a team of superior quality are going to emerge suddenly to sweep the first division off its feet. They had better become accustomed to the idea that the league title is going to be won by much lesser mortals than the old Liverpool.

As Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, replied when asked by a disbelieving interviewr if he thought that his team's performance was really championship quality: "Why not". If the title is to be won by qualities of more physical than artistic merit then Everton would be the front runners.

Since the loss of Heath until the end of the season they have become as erratic as everyone else. They began this holiday period by losing at home yet have followed up with two away wins. Paradoxically, while strength is their forte it is also their Achilles heel. The squad is now down to bare bones with injuries to Heath, Stevens, Gray, Richardson, Harper and Arnold.

The long-term injury to Heath was considered crippling to Everton's chances. Sharp has looked lost without his busy little friend and for an hour at Portman Road on Saturday, when partnered by Curran, he struggled to make any impression. Then, a simply taken goal and another five minutes from time, transformed his performance. Goals are to strikers what blood is to vampires. Without it they become pals and are usually withdrawn by the manager.

There were a few suckers in the Ipswich team but noone was drawing any blood. It must have crossed Bobby Ferguson's mind to take off one of several instead of the alert Brennan, forced off with a groin injury caused by the bone-jarring surface down the middle of the pitch. It was ironic since it was Kendall who had requested that the match be postponed, mindfull no doubt of his team's own fragile state. Ipswich, already hamstrung by injuries to Burley, Putney, D'Avray and Sunderland, deserved better luck.

It was control rather than luck that was missing in the finishing of Ipswich, who, for the eighth time in nine league games, failed to ruffle the net. The infuriating O'Callaghan cleverly manoeuvered an opening in the early minutes but struck the ball wide with his favourite left foot when the situation demanded his right. Then, with 10 minutes to go, in another preferred position, he sensibly struck the ball with his right – and it still went wide. Ferguson, who thought it was their worst performance of the season, was more displeased with his usually dependable defence in which Butcher was notably unsteady.

Everton's opening goal owed itself to Reid's patient probing and Sheedy's acceleration, with which he skirted the defence to pick out Sharp who scored with his head. Sharp's second goal was more of his own making, spinning on the icy surface like a freestyle skater to score with enough fine skill to satisfy a few romantics.

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; F Yallop, T Butcher, R Zondervan, R Osman, I Cranston, K O'Callaghan, M Brennan (sub, T Parkin), J Dozzell, S McCall, E Gates.
EVERTON: N Southall; P Van den Hauwe, J Bailey, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, T Curran, G Sharp, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.
Referee: D Vicars (Goodmayes).

Brighton do without sumo wrestlers

By Nicholas Harling

Brighton	2
Wimbledon	1

In the festive glow of victory, the Brighton manager, Chris Cattlin was a lot more complimentary about his opponents than he was back in October after losing by a single goal at Wimbledon. He had promised to combat Wimbledon's long ball style in the return fixture with 11 sumo wrestlers.

Sumo wrestlers being fairly rare on the transfer market these days, Cattlin resisted that temptation but he could not resist one last swipe at Wimbledon in the match programme, saying: "If today's match is played in the same style I will have to arrange for the ball boys to be outside the ground." Beyond confirming after Saturday's game that he would not want any team of his to adopt such tactics, Cattlin was quite gracious to Wimbledon, pointing out that they were the only team in the second division to play with four forwards and agreeing that they were well worth the half-time lead given them by Evans from a 13th minute cross by Fairweather, making his debut.

Once Cattlin had adjusted Brighton's tactics in the second half by bringing on Smillie, who was capable of going round Wimbledon's defence, Brighton looked a far better proposition. Wilson thundered a free-kick into the wall after Penney had been brought down by Beasant – who thus joined Sanchez and Fishenden in the book – and Penney then had a header gloriously turned aside by the goalkeeper, who was finally beaten by Wilson's mishit shot from Case's corner.

How Case, who, to put it delicately, was always involved, survived without even getting a caution, remained a mystery, particularly after the way he provoked his immediate rival, Sanchez, into a bitter duel. Hutchings, for dissent, was the only Brighton player to have his name taken.

Cattlin thought his side could have won 3-1 or 4-1 had either of two penalty claims gone their way, both of which were "right out of Swan Lake" according to Dave Bassett, the Wimbledon manager. Ultimately, Brighton were grateful for the rasping half volley from Worthington that crashed down from the underside of the bar to bring their 85th minute winner. With Wolverhampton Wanderers still keen to sign him, Worthington could be on borrowed time at the Goldstone Ground, which seems a shame considering that Brighton are putting together a run that could just push them to promotion.

BRIGHTON: G Moseley; C Hutchings, G Pearce, J Case, E Young, G O'Reilly, S Penney, D Wilson, G Ryan, F Worthington, K O'Regan (sub: N Smillie).
WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; K Gage, N Winterburn, L Sanchez, M Morris, M Smith, S Evans, S Ketteridge, A Cork, C Fairweather (sub: D Martin).
Referee: T Spencer (Salisbury, Wiltshire).

Porto ready to sign Steel from Wrexham

The Portuguese club, FC Porto, is expected to sign the Wrexham forward, Jim Steel. The Welsh club's chairman, Pryce Griffiths, the vice chairman, Gordon Mytton and Steel were due to fly to Oporto yesterday.

Steel made a big impression on Porto when he scored the goal that beat them in the European Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg tie at Wrexham, but Wrexham turned down an offer 10 days ago because it was too low. "We have had a better offer now and are prepared to talk," Mr Griffiths said.

Steel was told to take his suitcase to the airport instead of boarding the team coach home after being withdrawn early from the fourth division game at Aldershot on Saturday which Wrexham lost 2-1.

● Barcelona beat Real Madrid 3-2 yesterday to increase their lead over them at the top of the Spanish first division to six points.

Everton advise fans not to go to cup game

Everton are asking their supporters not to travel to the Netherlands for the second leg of their Euoprean Cup Winners Cup quarter-final tie against Fortuna Sittard on March 20.

The merseyside club will not be taking any tickets for the match and are requesting all travel agents to follow the same policy. Jim Greenwood, the club secretary, said: "Recent events involving British fans have made it more important than ever that we should be seen to be doing everything within our power to avoid confrontation and possible crowd problems.

"We appreciate our decisiol will disappont the vast majority of well-behaved, decent fans who would wish to travel," Greenwood added. "But in the current climate it only takes an isolated incident to attract widespread attentiin and very severe consequences for the club."

RESULTS AND TABLES FROM THE WEEKEND

First division

Chelsea	1	Manchester United	3
Coventry City	1	West Ham United	2
Ipswich Town	0	Everton	2
Liverpool	1	Luton Town	0
Newcastle United	1	Arsenal	3
Nottingham Forest	3	Aston Villa	2
Southampton	0	Sheffield Wed	3
Stoke City	0	QPR	2
Tottenham	2	Sunderland	0
Watford	4	Leicester City	1
West Bromwich	0	Norwich City	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	22	13	4	5	45	22	43
Everton	22	13	4	5	47	28	43
Manchester United	22	12	5	5	45	27	41
Arsenal	22	12	3	7	42	28	39
Nottingham Forest	22	11	3	8	36	33	36
Sheffield Wed	22	9	8	5	35	23	35
Liverpool	22	9	7	6	28	21	34
West Bromwich	22	10	4	8	36	31	34
Southampton	22	9	7	6	27	26	34
Norwich City	22	9	6	7	30	28	33
Chelsea	22	8	8	6	38	28	32
West Ham United	22	8	7	7	29	31	31
Watford	22	7	7	8	44	41	28
Leicester City	22	8	4	10	41	43	28
Sunderland	22	7	5	10	28	32	26
QPR	22	6	8	8	27	36	26
Aston Villa	22	6	7	9	26	37	25
Newcastle United	22	6	7	9	34	44	25
Luton Town	22	5	6	11	26	41	21
Ipswich Town	22	4	7	11	19	33	19
Coventry City	22	5	4	13	21	42	19
Stoke City	22	2	5	15	17	48	11

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham 3, Watford 2; Millwall 1, Arsenal 0; Orient 3, Portsmouth 6; Tottenham 6, Cambridge 1; West Ham 4, Chelsea 2. Second division: Bristol Rovers 1, Wimbledon 1; Crystal Palace 3, Brighton 6; Luton 2, Brentford 0; West Ham 0, Oxford 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Alfreton 0, Guiseley 1; Belper 2, Denaby Utd 1; Ilkeston 2, Bentley Victoria 0; Spalding Utd 0, Appleby 0; Sutton T 2, Arnold 2. Postponed: Emley v Eastwood; Heanor v Boston; Thackley v Guisborough.
SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Danson 1, Amersham 1; Hanwell 3, Collier Row 2; Pennant 3, Beckton 1; Redhill 3, Burnham 1; Swanley 3, Corinthian Casuals 2; Thatcham 2, Beaconsfield 3. Harry Sunderland Memorial Shield: Southwark 0, Brent 0; Wandsworth 3, Royal Arsenal 0.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bootle 0, Accrington Stanley 0; Caernarfon 1, Penrith 0; Eastwood Hanley 4, Burscough 1; Glossop 2, Curzon Ashton 4; Leyland Motors 3, Stalybridge Celtic 2; Prescot Cables 0, Formby 0; Radcliffe Boro 2, Lancaster C 1; Winsford Utd 1, Leek 1. Postponed: Fleetwood v Congleton; Netherfield v St Helen's.

Second division

Barnsley	0	Notts County	0
Birmingham City	2	Fulham	2
Blackburn Rovers	1	Huddersfield Town	3
Brighton	2	Wimbledon	1
Charlton	4	Grimsby Town	1
Leeds United	1	Cardiff City	1
Manchester City	4	Wolverhampton	0
Middlesbrough	P	Oldham Athletic	P
Oxford United	5	Crystal Palace	0
Sheffield United	4	Portsmouth	1
Shrewsbury Town	4	Carlisle United	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn Rovers	22	14	4	4	45	21	46
Oxford United	20	13	4	3	50	18	43
Birmingham City	22	13	4	5	29	16	43
Portsmouth	22	11	7	4	35	28	40
Manchester City	22	11	6	5	34	19	39
Huddersfield Town	22	11	4	7	32	28	37
Leeds United	22	11	3	8	39	28	36
Barnsley	21	9	8	4	24	14	35
Fulham	22	11	2	9	38	37	35
Brighton	22	9	6	7	23	17	33
Grimsby Town	22	10	3	9	41	38	33
Shrewsbury Town	22	8	7	7	40	35	31
Wimbledon	22	8	4	10	41	48	28
Carlisle United	22	7	4	11	22	34	25
Sheffield United	22	5	8	9	32	36	23
Charlton	21	6	5	10	30	34	23
Crystal Palace	21	5	7	9	27	34	22
Middlesbrough	21	6	4	11	28	37	22
Oldham Athletic	21	6	4	11	23	41	22
Wolverhampton	22	6	3	13	28	47	21
Notts County	21	4	2	15	21	44	14
Cardiff City	22	3	3	16	25	51	12

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 3, Taunton 2; Clandown 1, Frome 0; Clevedon 0, Paulton 1; Dawlish 2, Bideford 0; Devizes 0 Exmouth 8; Mangotsfield 1 Weston super Mare 0; Plymouth 1 Minehead 0; Saltash 1 Shepton Mallet 1.

IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 0 Cliftonville 3; Coleraine 3 Carrick 1; Crusaders 3 Ards 1; Glenavon 3 Distillery 1; Glentoran 1 Portadown 1; Larne 0 Ballymena 3; Newry 0 Linfield 6.

GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham 3, Dagenham 1; Barrow 0, Northwich Victoria 0; Bath 1, Dartford 0; Enfield 1, Boston Utd 1; Frickley 1, Nuneaton 1; Gateshead 1, Kettering 4; Kidderminster 3, Scarborough 2; Runcorn 3, Yeovil 0; Telford Utd 1, Barnet 0; Wealdstone 1, Maidstone 1; Weymouth 3, Worcester 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor 8, Goole 0; Burton Albion 2, Oswestry 2; Chorley 1, Worksop 2; Grantham 2, Mossley 2; Horwich 3, Rhyl 3; Hyde Utd 4, Buxton 1; Marine 1, Workington 1; Morecambe 3, Macclesfield 2; Sth Liverpool 1, Stafford 1; Witton Albion 1, Matlock 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Chelmsford 3, Alvechurch 1; Corby 1, Folkestone 2; Fisher 1, Cheltenham 0; Gloucester 2, King's Lynn 3; Hastings 1, Bedworth 1; RS Southampton 3, Willenhall 1; Shepshed Charterhouse 3, Gravesend 1; Welling Utd 0, Crawley 0; Witney 1, Fareham 0. Midland division: Aylesbury 2, Hednesford 1; Banbury 1, Rushenden 0; Bromsgrove 2, Sutton Coldfield 1; Dudley 3, Redditch 2; Merthyr Tydfil 4, Bridgnorth 0; Oldbury 5, Wellingboro 0. Southern division: Andover 2, Salisbury 0; Cambridge City 0, Dorchester 3; Canterbury 2, Ashford 0; Dover 1, Woodford 2; Hillingdon 4, Tonbridge; Poole 0, Chatham 0; Thanet 0, Basingstoke 1.
WELSH LEAGUE: S.A. Brain Cup Third round: Abergavenny 2, Treharris 0; B.P. 0, Garw 1; Caerleon 1, Sully 1 (Caerleon win 5-4 on pen); Llanelli 1, Ammanford 0; Haverfordwest 3, Morriston 1; Pontllanfraith 2, Merthyr 2 (Pontllanfraith win 6-5 on pen). National Division: Brecon 2, Caerau 0; Bridgend 0, Barry 3; Briton Ferry 0, Ton Pentre 1; Cwmbran 4, Milford 2.

Third division

Bradford City	2	Bolton Wanderers	1
Brentford	2	Reading	1
Bristol City	1	Burnley	0
Cambridge United	0	Rotherham United	2
Gillingham	4	Bristol Rovers	1
Millwall	2	Bournemouth	1
Newport County	1	Plymouth Argyle	0
Orient	2	Doncaster Rovers	1
Swansea City	1	Derby County	5
Walsall	0	Lincoln City	0
Wigan Athletic	2	Preston North End	0
York City	1	Hull City	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	22	14	4	4	39	16	46
Gillingham	22	13	3	6	43	36	42
Hull City	22	11	8	3	36	21	41
Rotherham United	22	12	5	5	34	20	41
Millwall	21	11	5	5	37	25	38
Bristol Rovers	21	11	5	5	34	23	38
Bristol City	22	10	6	6	35	28	36
Derby County	22	10	5	7	37	28	35
York City	22	10	4	8	42	33	34
Walsall	21	8	8	5	27	22	32
Bournemouth	22	9	5	8	23	18	32
Wigan Athletic	22	8	8	6	25	25	32
Doncaster Rovers	22	9	4	9	36	32	31
Reading	22	9	4	9	29	34	31
Brentford	22	8	5	9	26	30	29
Newport County	23	7	7	9	28	30	28
Plymouth Argyle	22	6	6	10	35	43	24
Lincoln City	22	5	8	9	27	26	23
Bolton Wanderers	22	7	2	13	35	35	23
Burnley	22	5	7	10	29	38	22
Orient	22	6	2	14	28	42	20
Preston North End	22	6	2	14	27	54	20
Swansea City	22	5	3	14	26	47	18
Cambridge United	22	3	4	15	19	41	13

Fourth division

Aldershot	2	Wrexham	1
Blackpool	2	Hartlepool United	1
Bury	3	Tranmere Rovers	0
Chester	P	Swindon Town	P
Chesterfield	2	Peterborough	0
Darlington	P	Crewe Alexandra	P
Exeter City	0	Hereford United	0
Halifax Town	P	Stockport County	P
Northampton	3	Torquay United	1
Scunthorpe United	P	Rochdale	P
Southend United	1	Mansfield Town	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	22	14	5	3	40	16	47
Hereford United	22	13	5	4	35	16	44
Darlington	21	12	8	1	31	13	44
Blackpool	23	13	5	5	38	28	44
Chesterfield	21	12	7	2	38	18	43
Peterborough	22	11	4	7	31	24	37
Colchester United	22	10	6	6	43	37	36
Tranmere Rovers	22	11	1	10	39	37	34
Hartlepool United	22	9	7	6	28	27	34
Crewe Alexandra	22	10	3	9	33	34	33
Swindon Town	21	8	5	8	28	29	29
Scunthorpe United	20	7	7	6	33	26	28
Mansfield Town	21	7	7	7	16	14	28
Southend United	23	7	7	9	35	44	28
Port Vale	22	7	6	9	25	29	27
Stockport County	21	6	5	10	25	35	23
Aldershot	21	6	4	11	27	33	22
Exeter City	21	4	8	9	24	33	20
Northampton	22	6	2	14	25	37	20
Rochdale	21	4	7	10	19	31	19
Halifax Town	19	6	1	12	15	31	19
Chester	21	4	6	11	20	33	18
Torquay United	22	4	6	12	21	38	18
Wrexham	20	4	2	14	29	39	14

Scottish premier division

Celtic	1	Dundee United	2
Dumbarton	2	Rangers	4
Dundee	2	Hibernian	0
Hearts	1	Morton	0
St Mirren	2	Aberdeen	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	20	15	3	2	44	14	33
Celtic	20	12	5	3	46	19	29
Rangers	20	9	9	2	28	12	27
Dundee United	20	10	4	6	38	23	24
St Mirren	20	8	3	9	25	34	19
Hearts	20	8	2	10	22	38	18
Dundee	20	6	4	10	27	31	16
Dumbarton	20	4	6	10	22	29	14
Hibernian	20	3	5	12	17	36	11
Morton	20	4	1	15	21	55	9

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 1, Leytonstone and Ilford 3; Billericay 1, Dulwich Hamlet 1; Bishop's Stortford 2, Hitchin 2; Croydon 2, Epsom and Ewell 1; Harrow 3, Harlow 0; Sutton United 2, Bognor Regis 3; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Slough 4; Wokingham 0, Windsor and Eton 1; Worthing 3, Hayes 3. Postponed: Walthamstow Avenue v Wycombe. First division: Boreham Wood 2, Maidenhead 3; Bromley 1, Aveley 0; Chesham 0, St Albans City 2; Farnborough 2, Leatherhead 3; Hertford 0, Kingstonian 1; Lewes 0, Hampton 3; Oxford City 1, Metropolitan Police 0; Staines 1, Basildon 0; Tilbury 1, Clapton 1; Walton and Hersham 1, Wembley 4. Postponed: Hornchurch v Woking. Second division north: Chalfont St Peter 2, Berkhamsted 2; Heybridge Swifts 6, Royston 0; Letchworth 0, Tring 4; Marlow 2, Kingsbury 3; Saffron Walden 1, Cheshunt 0; Ware 1, Haringey 4; Wolverton 2, Stevenage 2. Second division south: Camberley 0, Whyteleafe 6; Chertsey 3, Petersfield 2; Feltham 0, Banstead 4; Grays 1, Ruislip Manor 1; Molesey 1, Southall 4.

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock 1, Wooton 2; Buckingham 2, Potton 1; Long Buckby 8, Brackley 2; Rothwell 3, Eynesbury 1; Stotfold 0, Newport Pagnell 2; St Neots 0, Bourne 1. Postponed: Desboro v Raunds; Stamford v Sand L Corby. Cup: Towcester 1, Irthlingboro 2. Postponed: Holbeach v Arlesey.

FA VASE: Third round: Braintree 2, Wivenhoe 2 (aet); Egham 2, Leyton-Wingate 1; Uxbridge 0, Eastbourne 0 (aet); Sholing Sports 2, Bristol Manor Farm 4 (aet). Third round replays: VS Rugby 2, Sudbury 2 (aet); Collier Row 8, Bracknell 1.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: East Thurrock 0, Chelmsford 1; Ford 3, Coggeshall 0; Stansted 7, Brightlingsea 0.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Clacton 0, Ely 0; Felixstowe 0, Stowmarket 4; Harwich and Parkstone 0, Tiptree 0; March 5, Brantham 2; Thetford 0, Histon 3; Wisbech 1, Bury Town 0.

Scottish first division

Airdrieonians	5	Meadowbank	0
Brechin City	1	Clyde	0
Falkirk	1	East Fife	2
Hamilton	3	Ayr United	1
Kilmarnock	0	Motherwell	0
Partick Thistle	1	Forfar Athletic	1
St Johnstone	P	Clydebank	P

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrieonians	21	12	4	5	42	24	28
Clydebank	20	10	6	4	32	21	26
Forfar Athletic	21	9	6	6	38	27	24
Falkirk	22	11	2	9	48	44	24
Hamilton	21	10	4	7	28	26	24
Motherwell	21	9	4	8	32	28	22
Brechin City	21	8	6	7	29	29	22
Clyde	21	7	7	7	32	30	21
East Fife	21	6	8	7	32	30	20
Ayr United	21	6	6	9	27	34	18
St Johnstone	20	7	3	10	33	37	17
Kilmarnock	21	6	5	10	19	37	17
Partick Thistle	21	5	6	10	24	36	16
Meadowbank	22	4	7	11	28	41	15

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers	P	Queen's Park	P
Alloa Athletic	2	East Stirling	1
Arbroath	2	Raith Rovers	1
Berwick	2	Stranraer	2
Cowdenbeath	P	Stenhousemuir	P
Montrose	P	Queen of South	P
Stirling Albion	2	Dunfermline	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa Athletic	20	12	5	3	36	16	29
Dunfermline	20	10	7	3	34	17	27
Montrose	19	12	3	4	26	20	27
Stranraer	19	9	3	7	33	28	21
Cowdenbeath	19	8	4	7	35	25	20
Stenhousemuir	19	7	6	6	28	27	20
Stirling Albion	20	5	9	6	31	25	19
Raith Rovers	20	7	5	8	30	30	19
Berwick	20	5	8	7	23	22	18
Queen of South	19	5	6	8	26	29	16
Queen's Park	20	6	3	11	27	35	15
East Stirling	20	3	8	9	22	33	14
Arbroath	20	5	4	11	18	40	14
Albion Rovers	17	6	1	10	19	35	13

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Whitby 2, Peterlee 2; Consett 0, Chester le Street 1; Gretna 0, Tow Law 3.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 4, Hailsham 0; Eastbourne Town 3, Whitehawk 1; Horsham YMCA 0, Arundel 0; Littlehampton 1, Midhurst 2; Three Bridges 1, Wick 2. Postponed: Hastings v Peacehaven. Cup, second round: Shoreham 2, Ringmer 0.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Albion 1, East Grinstead 0; Portfield 2, Lancing 0. Third round replays: Steyning 3, Pagham 2; Southwick 0, Horsham 2.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1–1½	2–1½	3–1½	4–1	5–1½	6–1	7–1½	8–1½	9–1	10–1	11–1½	12–2	13–3	14–1½	15–1	16–1	17–3	18–1	19–1½	20–1	21–1	22–1	23–1	24–1	25–1	26–1½	27–1	28–1

29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
29–1	30–1	31–1½	32–2	33–1	34–1½	35–1	36–1	37–1	38–1½	39–1	40–1½	41–2	42–1½	43–1	44–1½	45–1½	46–1½	47–1½	48–1	49–1	50–3	51–1	52–1	53–1½	54–1	55–2

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS — Paul Newman

Saturday January 5 unless stated

FA CUP THIRD ROUND
1 Barnsley v Reading
2 Birmingham v Norwich
2 Brighton v Hull
X Bristol R v Ipswich
2 Burton v Leicester
1 Carlisle v Dagenham
1 Chelsea v Wigan
2 Coventry v Man C
2 Doncaster v QPR
2 Fulham v Sheffield W
1 Gillingham v Cardiff
1 Liverpool v Aston Villa
1 Luton v Stoke
1 Middlesbro v Darlington
X Millwall v C Palace
2 Orient v WBA
X Portsmouth v Blackburn
2 Shrewsbury v Oxford
1 S'hampton v Sunderland
2 Telford v Bradford C
1 Tottenham v Charlton
1 Watford v Sheffield U
1 West Ham v Port Vale
1 Wimbledon v Burnley
2 Wolves v Huddersfield
1 York v Walsall
Not on coupons: Hereford v Arsenal; Leeds v Everton (Friday); Manchester United v Bournemouth; Nottingham Forest v Newcastle (Sunday); Notts County v Grimsby; Oldham v Brentford.

FOURTH DIVISION
2 Aldershot v Chesterfld
1 Blackpool v Halifax
1 Hartlepool v Stockport
2 Torquay v Crewe
X Tranmere v Peterboro
2 Wrexham v Swindon.
Not on coupons: Northampton v Exeter; Scunthorpe v Chester; Southend v Colchester (Friday).

NORTHERN PREMIER
X Chorley v S Liverpool
2 Mossley v Bangor
1 Oswestry v Morecambe
X Rhyl v Gainsboro
X Workington v Witton
X Worksop v Marine

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Hibernian
1 Celtic v Morton
2 Dundee v Rangers
1 Hearts v Dumbarton
X St Mirren v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Ayr
X Forfar v Falkirk
X Kilmarnock v East Fife
2 Meadowbank v Brechin
1 Motherwell v Clyde
2 Partick v Clydebank
X St Johnstone v Hamilton

SCOTTISH CUP SECOND ROUND
1 Alloa v E Stirling
1 Berwick v Inverness C
1 Cowdenbeath v Stirling
2 Q of South v Montrose
X Queen's Park v Raith
Not on coupons: Inverness Thistle v Spartans; Keith v Brora Rangers; Stranraer v Stenhousemuir.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Portsmouth, Tranmere, Rhyl, Workington, Worksop, St Mirren; Forfar, Kilmarnock, St Johnstone, Queen's Park.
BEST DRAWS: Bristol Rovers, Portsmouth, Kilmarnock, St Johnstone, Queen's Park.
AWAYS: Lester, Sheffield Wednesday, WBA, Bangor, Rangers.
HOMES: Barnsley, Chelsea, Liverpool, Tottenham, Watford, West Ham, Wimbledon, Blackpool, Aberdeen, Celtic, Airdrie, Alloa.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Barnsley, Chelsea, Tottenham, Watford, West Ham. Aways: Leicester, Sheffield Wednesday, WBA. Draws: Bristol Rovers, Portsmouth, St Johnstone.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash 3, Cove 2; BAe (Weybridge) 2, Fleet 1; Chobham 1, Farnham 2; Cobham 0, Horley 2; Farleigh 2, Virginia Water 1; Hartley Wintney 0, Frimley Green 0; Malden 3, Westfield 2; Godalming 1, Cranleigh 1.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury Greenway 0, Fairford 0; Bicester 1, Thame 1; Clanfield 0, Wantage 4; Moreton 5, Abingdon 0; Morris Motors 0, Supermarine 0; Sharpness 1, Shortwood 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Sociedad 0, Real Betis 1; Real Murcia 0, Osasuna 0; Atletico Madrid 2, Espanol 2; Valencia 0, Elche 0; Hercules 0, Real Zaragoza 0; Barcelona 3, Real Madrid 2; Sporting 0, Racing 0; Valladolid 0, Athletic Bilbao 0; Sevilla 2, Malaga 0.

Razing a glass

Southend United's troubled year almost ended in flames on Saturday after fire broke out in the boardroom club beneath the main stand at Roots Hall. However, beer escaping from melted pipes, kept the blaze damped down until it was discovered.

Poll star

Guennadi Litovchenko has been named the Soviet Union's footballer of the year in a poll carried out by weekly magazine. Litovchenko, aged 21, is the captain of Dniepr Dniepropetrovsk, who won the Soviet league championship last year and were third this year.

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RUGBY UNION: NORTHERN VICTORY TEMPERED BY INJURY TO THE ENGLAND LOCK SYDDALL

Andrew induces panic as the Romanians make disjointed start

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Northern Division	17
Romanians	8

The joy of the Northern Division's victory over the Romanians at Birkenhead Park was tempered by the hamstring injury to Syddall, the Waterloo lock, who left the field midway through the second half and is by no means certain to be fit for the international with Romania next Saturday.

Syddall attended yesterday's squad training at Stourbridge as did Andy Simpson, the Sale hooker forced to withdraw from the North side by illness, but neither took part. Not that the Romanian camp is in vastly better shape: Gheorghe the prop, damaged shoulder ligaments in training, and Florea, the full back, tore knee ligaments during Saturday's game. Neither is expected to take any further part in the three match tour.

It was not the best of beginnings for the touring side, not so much because they lost, by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to two tries against a slightly makeshift divisional side but the manner of their losing. On a miserably wet day with puddles dotting a semi-frozen surface, should have achieved greater understanding.

The North played with aggressive competence and no little skill until the last quarter when their scrum, lacking the injured Syddall, wilted. This encouraged the Romanians sufficiently to carry the game to their opponents in more direct fashion than a series of optimistic kicks, and they were unlucky not to score a third try.

They looked like a side badly in need of a convincing win though there is little doubt that they can play better. On Saturday, they were enduring their first tour game in horrid conditions with a leather Gilbert ball which most of them had never played with before. They are used to the French Adidas ball and their kicking and handling suffered while they must also adjust to the demands of British refereeing. Ironically, a French official takes charge of tomorrow's game at Gloucester against the South and South West Divisions.

Not until Ion, who damaged a toe early in the game, moved to full back and Podarescu came on, did the Romanians look capable of a broader approach. But they will have to tighten their lineout if they are to take advantage of the jumping of Constantin and Caragea, and their wings and full back require full and frank discussions about who does what in defence.

Andrew may have edged nearer a first cap after contriving so many good things in difficult circumstances. He will have been grateful for the plain commonsense game played by Smith and his back row, but Andrew is in confident vein at the moment. He scored the first try, albeit with the help of the entire Romanian back division who bought eagerly a slightly hesitant dummy – and his kicks produced the positions for the other two tries. Boyd was another who, in his first divisional game since 1978 (against the All Blacks also at Birkenhead Park), produced a steady performance.

Andrew converted his own try and kicked a penalty before some delightful passing, notably by Simms under pressure, put Carleton over on the blind side of a maul. A well placed kick by Marghescu left Smith, Underwood and Syddall gazing at each other in wild surmise as Toader touched down under their noses just before the interval, but two minutes after it Moss pounced upon a Romanian lineout throw which went loose for the North's third try.

Constantin, aided by Dumistry, scored the final try from a quickly taken tapped penalty which should have been stopped further out. Both of Ion's conversion attempts hit a post when his side needed the encouragement of the extra points.

Scorers: Northern Division: tries: Andrew, Carleton, Moss; conversion: Andrew; penalty: Andrew. **Romanians:** tries: Toader, Constantin.

NORTHERN DIVISION: D. Boyd (West Hartlepool); J. Carleton (Orrell), K. Simms (Liverpool and Cambridge University), J. Buckton (Saracens), R. Underwood (Leicester); R. Andrew (Middlesbrough and Cambridge University), S. Smith (Sale, capt); P. Huntsman (Headingley), N. Hitchen (Orrell), E. Bell (West Hartlepool), P. Moss (Orrell), J. Syddall (Waterloo), (rep: W. Dooley, Preston Grasshoppers), S. Bainbridge (Fylde), P. Buckton (Liverpool), P. Simpson (Bath).

ROMANIANS: G. Florea (rep: S. Podarescu); M. Toader, A. Lungu, M. Marghescu, M. Aldea; V. Ion, T. Coman; I. Bucan, E. Grigoras, G. Leonte, F. Murariu, (rep: H. Dumitras), G. Dumitru (capt), G. Caragea, A. Radulescu, L. Constantin.

Referee: E. Allan (Scotland).

Game that was almost sunk in the mire

By Nicholas Keith

Nottingham	0
Wasps	3

The hippopotami of Flanders and Swann would have been thoroughly at home at Beeston on Saturday. The glorious mud was so enveloping that when a player was injured towards the end, Peter Yarranton, of Wasps, was heard to inquire of a Nottingham committee man: "Is it our's or your's."

Although the dank, dark and grizzly conditions were the dominant factor, Wasps deserved to inflict a first home defeat of the season on Nottingham, albeit by a solitary penalty goal. The visitors were missing several regulars in their back division: Smith, Lozowski, Cullen and Davies, whose car had broken down.

Williams, the club captain, moved inside to take the place of Davies, and performed astutely at stand-off half with a well-judged predilection for the high kick. However, it was the Wasps forwards who won the day: Pinnegar was a pillar in the lineout: the loose forwards prevailed at ruck and maul, despite the efforts of Rees and, in the second half, Nottingham made only two brief forays beyond the halfway line. Their usually effective and enterprising tactics of pace and support were sunk in the mire.

Both teams had a scrummage or lineout or two near their opponents' line, but Cardus came closest to a try in injury time when he just failed to beat the Nottingham defence to a loose ball. Yet, at no-side, the rich brown filling sandwiched between the green beyond each 22 metre line revealed where the game had largely been played.

It was not a day for handling, but some early missed touches by Stringer strengthened the growing feeling that England should move Barnes to full back. Yet it was Stringer who kicked the decisive penalty from 30 metres one minute after the interval. He missed two further efforts, but that did not matter because his pack remained in control.

SCORERS: Wasps: Penalty: Stringer.

NOTTINGHAM: M Drane; F Holdstock, M Northard, G Hartley, T Bennett; S Hodgkinson (rep: R Glenn), K Murphy; J Ward, B Moore, M Grindle, P Cook, P Nixon, N Mantell (captain.) G Rees, G Stokes.

WASPS: N Stringer; A Barnard, R Cardus, R Pellow, R Sumner; M Williams (captain) S Bates; P Randall, A Simmons, J Probyn, K Moss, L Adamson, C Pinnegar, D Pegler, R Smith.

Referee: S Kemode (Hampshire).

Master class

The New Zealand Schols XV defeated the Leinster Schools in Dublin on Saturday by 18 points to 3 (George Ace writes). They meet Ulster Schools in Belfast tomorrow, before travelling to Cork for the international against Ireland Schools, the unofficial home nations champions, on Saturday.

At senior level, Ireland completed a training stint yesterday in their build up to the opening international against England at Lansdowne Road on January 19. Moss Finn and John Barry, two replacements, took no part. Barry's knee injury is not serious, but Finn will have to prove his fitness before January 13.

Exiles recover

London Welsh expect to have the full back, Matthew Ebsworth, and the scrum half, Mark Douglas, back in action for their home game with Bedford tomorrow.



Tight heads and agit props: Weir of London Scottish (left) and van de Merwe of Harlequins. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Harlequins exploit the gaps

By Gordon Allan

London Scottish	3
Harlequins	28

They decided on Saturday morning that this match at Richmond would not count in the London merit table. But there was plenty of merit about the rugby, which was more than could be said of Richmond's defeat of Harlequins the week before. This time Harlequins played well to beat London Scottish by three goals, a try and two penalty goals to a penalty.

Six or seven Scottish first-team players were missing, and Harlequins lacked Milne and Cuthbertson. The custom is to say they were weakened: but that might be an insult to those who filled the gaps. In the case of Scottish, one of the gaps was filled by the great McHarg, and the fact that he came out of retirement to do it did not stop him getting up to some of his useful old tricks in the loose.

What he could not do was to prevent Harlequins winning most of the lineouts. They also made wide-ranging use of copious possession from the rucks, and – the sure sign of teamwork – stuck closer to one another than Scottish in passing movements between forwards and backs. Nobody enjoyed himself more than Weekes.

The Scottish attacks were willing but uncoordinated. Their defence was good until the last 15 minutes, when Harlequins scored 16 points in a purple patch – or perhaps I should say a light blue, magenta, chocolate, French grey, black and light green patch.

Jefferson, van de Merwe, Moriarty and Salmon scored tries. Jefferson caught a chip by Rose. Van de Merwe's try was the reward for faithful backing-up by all concerned. Moriarty's was a classical wing threequarter effort.

Salmon completed a movement begun in his own half. Rose kicked 12 points, to pass 100 for the season. Chesworth, a former Harlequin, kicked the Scottish penalty.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Penalty: Chesworth. Harlequins: Tries: Jefferson, van de Merwe, Moriarty, Salmon. Conversions: Rose (3). Penalties: Rose (2).

LONDON SCOTTISH: S Seabrooke; S Walters, A Friell, G Gordon, B Watt; N Chesworth, A Cushing; N Weir, G Duguid, J Fraser, A Marshall, A Rhodes, A McHarg, D Buchanan, D Williams.

HARLEQUINS: M Rose; S Moriarty, J Salmon, A Thompson, W Jefferson; M Fletcher, A Woodhouse; C van de Merwe, J Olver, P Curtis, E Weekes, S Holland, W Wall, D Cooke, C Butcher.

Referee: R Jenkins (London).

Norling gives Bristol a trying time

By Gerald Davies

Llanelli	31
Bristol	12

The best referees, like the best players, can have an off-day. But unlike players, there is little sympathy for the referees. A match can turn on his hesitations, deviations, or, as in the case of the frequent award of penalties, repetition. Even so it still came as a surprise to find Clive Norling, who is just about the best in the business, showing signs of weakness. Only a temporary aberration, we hope, for of all the refs, he appears to have the most sympathy for the players and the game in the light of the perplexing laws, which quite often work against both.

And so it was at Stradey Park on Saturday that a crucial decision swung the game in one team's favour. Llanelli, although in the lead 13-6 five minutes into the second half, were beginning to feel uneasy, while Bristol were looking more sure of themselves. Martin Gravelle, in fine form, came out of defence as be had done a few times earlier, and created the overlap for Evans.

It looked good, but seeing the threat of the cover defence, the wing kicked ahead and was uncompromisingly flattened by a late tackle which demanded a penalty. However, a penalty try was awarded, although since the ball had veered out of rather than into the field of play, there was no question that a try would have been scored. Hard though Polledri and Pomfrey and Baker tried to rally the ranks, their fate was sealed and the home side won by four goals, a try and a penalty to a goal and two penalties.

Gravelle: in fine form.

The players squelched around in front of the meagre crowd who had braved the bitterly cold and wet weather. Gravelle and Hogg had exchanged a penalty each before the home side scored a try by Buchanan, the prop, who charged over from a close-range lineout. Hogg kept in touch with another penalty, before Steffan Jones picked up a loose ball, which his back row and scrum half seemed to have messed up, and ran through a spreadeagled Bristol defence.

There was a superb threequarter movement which saw Evans outstrip the cover defence for 15 metres. And it seemed entirely appropriate that if Bristol were to score it should be Pomfrey who should do so, after Hogg who had found the original gap.

Bristol mounted another promising attack, but Ellis intercepted on his own 10-metre line and raced unopposed for the final try. Gravelle, who colected 11 points, converted all but one of Llanelli's tries.

LLANELLI: M Gravelle; I Evans, P Hopkins, P Morgan (rep: S Stirling), Ellis; S Jones, P Fleming; A Buchanan, K Townley, P Davies, A Davies, (rep: J Cooper), (May (captain), R Cornelius, D Pickering, A Griffiths.

BRISTOL: P Cue; A Morley, J Watson, S Hogg, J Duggan; S Roberts, P Jeffrey; J Doubleday, K Bogira, A Sheppard, P Polledri, N Pomfrey, P Stiff, W Hone, M Baker.

Referee: C Norling (Birchgrove).

Training record

Ireland broke new ground with a record long training session at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, over the weekend, in preparation for their international match against England on January 19. Rigorous stints on Saturday and yesterday amounted to a gruelling six and a half hours practical work on the pitch – equalling the longest time that Ireland have ever devoted to training.

Turnbull leads procession

By Ian McLauchlan

South of Scotland demonstrated from the outset of their game against North and Midlands at Murrayfield that they meant business, and by the end of their 44-7 triumph it was little more than a procession. In the dismal, wet conditions, the forwards dominated every phase of the game, and but for some strangely inept midfield play, the score line could have proved a real embarrassment.

Derek Turnbull, the South No 8, was again the outstanding forward afield, carrying the game to the opposition at ever opportunity. In the backs, Tukalo, South's right winger, scored three tries and showed a refreshing willingness for direct attack. His appetite for work contrasted with that of his right wing colleague, Baird, whose reluctance to run and apparent inability to score tries must be a cause for concern among the national selectors.

Rutherford was as expected well below match fitness, but occasionally demonstrated flashes of his ability. The full back, Dods, scored 24 points from two tries, five conversions and two penalties and revelled in the free-running game.

For the North, who had little to offer except spirited defence, Rankin and Bryce competed well in the loose, while the young loose-head prop, McDonald, gave little away in the tight. Their captain, Henry Murray, scrambled over for a try from a lineout.

Travel-weary Glasgow were caught cold by the Anglo-Scots at Richmond. Pollock scored a try after only five minutes, and from then on the home team dominated the match. Sole and Milne were masters in the scrums and although Glasgow's Beattie and Parker broke loose on occasion, they lacked the necessary support. Milne and Macklin (2) also scored tries in the 24-0 victory.

The Anglo-Scots travel to Murrayfield on Saturday to face the South of Scotland in the deciding game of the championship.

BASKETBALL

Manchester discover an equal in Kingston

By Nicholas Harling

As if to show Cottrills Manchester Giants that anything they could do, Kingcraft Kingston could do better, Kingston yesterday became the second English club to reach the semi-finals of the Philips World Invitation Club Championships at Crystal Palace.

Manchester had beaten Athletes in Action, the third seeds, in a tense finish on Saturday. Twenty-four hours later Kingston overcame the second seeds, Corinthians, from São Paulo, by 111-101 to go through to the first of today's semi-finals against Red Star Belgrade, who had defeated MIM Edinburgh.

So impressive were Corinthians in their first round game against Windsor, Ontario, that Steve Bontrager, Kingston's player-coach, had left at half-time believing they were unbeatable. "I didn't want to watch any more because to be honest, I didn't think we could beat them or outrun them", he said. But with the help of 39 points from Bontrager and 25 from his fellow American, Dan Davis, Kingston overcame the odds.

Davis, in fact, was not expected to play. A knee injury has prevented him practising for two weeks, but with Kingston's Cup final with Warrington only a week away, his knee needed a test. Three extraordinary dunk shots in the first two minutes proved that Davis was still in some kind of working order and he went on to gobble up points and rebounds

Clark Innell and Lloyd, who emulated Bontrager's classic long-range shooting with a 3-pointer just before the final buzzer, also excelled for Kingston.

Manchester's victory over Athletes In Action came in overtime, after they had trailed by 19 points. Robinson and Brookins inspired the recovery that left their coach, Tom Becker, saying: "In the first half they just pushed us out of the way like we were boys. In the second half, we played like men."

In yesterday's only first division game, Walkers Crisps Leicester lost ground in the championship race when they were surprisingly beaten by four points at home by John Carr Doncaster.

QUARTER FINALS: Corinthians 101 (Smith 38, Camissasa 30, Da Silva 14), Kingston 111 (Bontrager 39, Davis 25, Clark 20, Lloyd 15); Manchester 91 (Robinson 30, Gardner 15, Brookins 14) Athletes In Action 89 (Renfro 27, Jackson 19, Owens 13, Kellerman 11); Red Star Belgrade 95 (Milo Savljevic 18, Bogo Savljev 18, Avdija 14), Edinburgh 92 (Foggin 39, Way 15, Byrd 14).

TENNIS

Boycott by officials greets men's return after break

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

For the men who bothered to take one, the vacation is over. Most of the leading players will resume competition this week, in three men-only tournaments, two of which will be played in Britain, and televised on different channels. Essentially the players will be shaking off the Christmas rust (and any excess weight) and trying to impress their bank managers.

McEnroe, Lendl and Connors head an eight-man field in Las Vegas from tomorrow until Saturday. Eight teams compete in the World Championship Tennis doubles tournament, sponsored Fuji Film, at the Albert Hall from tomorrow evening until Sunday. And a new Under-22 singles event, the Young Masters tournament, sponsored by Belgian American Investments, will be played at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, from Wednesday morning until Sunday.

The Albert Hall doubles startith two groups in an all-play-all series. One group consists of Slozil and Smid, Gunthard and Taroczy, Fibak and Sandy Mayer, and Jarryd and Hans Simonsson. The other includes Edmondson and Stewart, Fleming and Buehning, Flach and Seguso (who had a remarkably successful 1984) and Curren and Denton.

Both British tournaments should be agreeably entertaining and successful as promotions, in spite of an irritating clash of dates (the fault of the Birmingham promoters) which ensures that neither sponsor will have the media's undivided attention. The Young Masters, controversially coinciding with a WCT event, will be refereed by John McDonald, formerly the international director of WCT. This seems an anomaly, but McDonald has a broader vision than those administrators who induced Britain's regular corps of officials to boycott the Young Masters. This was a petty decision, benefiting no one except the makeshift court crew assembled at Birmingham.

Wilander: at Birmingham.

Georgina Clark originally accepted the refeering job but was persuaded to back down. The success of both tournaments would be a satisfying rebuke for administrators who, in spite of the lessons of history, still believe in boycotts.

Whichello faces a test

By Lewine Mair

Not everyone was without a certain sympathy for Richard Whichello when he was given a three months suspension for his behaviour in the match he lost to Jason Goodall in the British closed championships at Telford in October.

Now the supporters of the undeniably stormy but talented Kent boy – and they include the British team manager, Paul Hutchings, who eventually cut the suspension from three months to two – will be keeping their fingers crossed that Whichelle comes safely through this week's Prudential junior indoor championships in circumstances which arguably make it the most difficult test of his junior career. Not only does the event take him back to Telford, but he is due to meet Goodall in Saturday's final.

There were those who felt that the troubles in the British closed event dated back to last summer's British junior grass court championship at Eastbourne when Goodall was seeded ahead of Whichello, for all that Whichello had beaten him at the last six times of asking.

Whichello won that week without ever meeting his old rival, and this week has been restored to his rightful position at the topf the draw.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax run is ended by Rovers revival

By Keith Macklin

Halifax	8
Hull Kingston Rovers	14

For nearly 50 minutes at Headingley on Saturday, Halifax threatened to eject Hull Kingston Rovers from the John Player Special trophy just as they had Warrington and St Helens. Then the favourites breached the tiring Halifax defence three times to reach the final.

Halifax tackled superbly in the first half and their Australian loose forward, Langmack, too, dashed in for a try. Two goals from Agar gave then an 8-0 lead early in the second half.

Eventually the Halifax gamble of playing a hard game on Boxing Day boomeranged as legs began to tire. Smith put in Prohm at the corner for Rovers, and Fairbairn landed a magnificent touchline goal. Then Harkin scooped-up a loose ball to start a move finished by the strong-running Clark. The decisive try came from a slick move from a scrum, Fairbairn linking up to send in Smith.

Rovers now meet the winners of the second semi-final between Hull and Leeds next Saturday.

Hull gained revenge for their unexpected defeat at Featherstone Rovers last week with an 18-14 victory. In the second division derby, Batley beat Dewsbury 10-2 to record a holiday double. Salford clung on to promotion hopes with a 16-13 win over Blackpool Borough.

Saturday
John Player Special Trophy: Semi-final: Halifax 8, Hull Kingston Rovers 14.

Yesterday
First division: Hull 18, Featherstone Rovers 14. Second Division: Dewsbury 2, Batley 10; Salford 16, Blackpool Borough 13; Sheffield Eagles 24, Doncaster 12.

HOCKEY

Slough get goal harvest and 100 per cent record

Slough ended their 1984 programme with a 100 per cent record and a random harvest of 69 goals in four matches at Maidenhead yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). In doing so, they recovered the Indoor Hockey News trophy they lost last season to South Nottinghamshire.

The tournament lost some of its importance with the late withdrawal of Firebrands, which reduced the teams to five and the event to a round robin competition.

Beginning the day with a 17-10 victory over Reading, Slough had to counter the inexperience of Mark Boothroyd, reserve goalkeeper, by scoring as many goals as possible.

RESULTS: Slough 17, Reading 10; Maidenhead 5, Westcliff 7; Reading 5, Southport 8; Westcliff 3, Slough 24; Slough 10, Southport 5; Reading 12, Maidenhead 3; Southport 9, Westcliff 3; Maidenhead 4, Slough 18; Westcliff 5, Reading 10; Maidenhead 3, Southport 8. Final placings: 1, Slough, 8pts; 2, Southport, 6; 3, Reading, 4; 4, Westcliff, 2; 5, Maidenhead, 0.

● In the women's county championship, Buckinghamshire's 1-0 win over Hampshire put them on top of the South table and they retained this position yesterday beating Surrey 3-2, with Lesley Hobley scoring three times (Joyce Whitehead writes). In the Midlands, Leicestershire will retain the title.

SOUTH (at Bisham Abbey): Saturday: Buckinghamshire 1, Hampshire 0; Middlesex 2, Surrey 2; Berkshire 3, Sussex 0. Sunday: Buckinghamshire 3, Surrey 2; Hampshire 3, Sussex 1; Berkshire 3, Oxfordshire 1.

EAST (at Ipswich): Saturday: Hertfordshire 2, Suffolk 1; Huntingdonshire 2, Lincolnshire 0; Essex 1, Kent 1; Cambridgeshire 1, Norfolk 1. Sunday: Essex 3, Hertfordshire 0; Norfolk 3, Huntingdonshire 0; Cambridgeshire 2, Lincolnshire 0; Suffolk 2, Kent 1; Essex 3, Norfolk 0; Hertfordshire 1, Huntingdonshire 0; Kent 1, Cambridgeshire 0; Suffolk 3, Lincolnshire 0.

MIDLANDS (at Bedford): Saturday: Leicestershire 4, Worcestershire 0; Staffordshire 2, Warwickshire 1; Shropshire 1, Northamptonshire 0; Bedfordshire 4, Derbyshire 2; Staffordshire 2, Nottinghamshire 0. Sunday: Warwickshire 6, Northamptonshire 0; Leicestershire 2, Shropshire 0; Nottinghamshire 2, Bedfordshire 2; Derbyshire 5, Worcestershire 1; Leicestershire 2, Bedfordshire 1; Northamptonshire 2, Derbyshire 2; Warwickshire 3, Shropshire 0.

WEST (at Cheltenham): Saturday: Gloucestershire 2, Wiltshire 0; Herefordshire 2, Cornwall 0; Dorset 1, Avon 1; Somerset 3, Devon 2. Sunday: Avon 2, Devon 0; Gloucestershire 2, Dorset 0; Somerset 3, Cornwall 0; Wiltshire 2, Herefordshire 1.

NORTH (at Lytham St Annes): Saturday: Lancashire 0, Sheffield League 0; Lancashire Central League 1, Manchester League 0; Northumberland 0, Westmorland 0; Durham 1, Cheshire 0; Yorkshire 3, Cumberland 0. Sunday: Yorkshire 3, Sheffield League 0; Lancashire Central League 2, Westmorland 1; Durham 1, Northumberland 0; Cheshire 1, Lancashire 3.

ATHLETICS

Successful return by Miss Budd

Zurich (Agencies) – Zola Budd marked her return to competitive athletics by winning an eight-kilometre international road race here yesterday. Afterwards, she said she did not know where her next race would be.

It was her first outing since the Olympic 3,000 metres final when she collided with Mary Decker and lost her chance of a gold medal.

She won in 26min 26.68sec from Cornelia Buerki, her South African-born friend, who is a naturalised Swiss, with last year's winner Charlotte Teske (West Germany), third. Miss Buerki was fifth in the final in Los Angeles and Miss Budd seventh.

Miss Buerki said in an interview published yesterday that Miss Budd was "psychologically ruined" by her Los Angeles experience. She was also quoted as telling the Zurich weekly, *Sonntagsblick*, that Miss Budd was "certainly able to make a comeback."

Miss Buerki had talked Miss Budd into entering the Zurich race in the hope that a victory would help her regain self-confidence. "She has gotten into difficulties from which he hardly can emerge without help," Miss Buerki said.

They trained together for the Zurich race but "she even hardly spoke to me. She said only that he would prefer to run alone," Miss Buerki was quoted as saying.

The Swiss anti-apartheid movement protested at Miss Budd's participation yesterday, saying her presence constituted a victory for the South African government in their attempts to break the boycott.

In the men's eight-kilometers race, Mike McLead was fourth. (Britain). The winner was Dietmar Millonig (Austria).

WOMEN'S RACE: 1, Z Budd (GB) 26min 26.68sec; 2, C Buerki (Switz) 26.28.21; 3, C Teske (WG) 26:36.12; 4, E Wessinghage (WG) 26:54.68; 5, E van Hulst (Neth) 27:09 06; 6, M Oppliger (Switz) 28:09.60; 7, D Gassmann (Switz) 29:03.63; 8, B Seith (WG) 29:33.27; 9, H Zahner (Switz) 29:45.57; 10, B Bendler (Switz) 30:05 77

MEN'S RACE: 1, D Millonig (Austria) 23min 06.28sec; 2, P Delece (Switz) 23:06.60; 3, M Ryffel (Switz) 23:14.51; 4, M McLeod (GB) 23:22.23; 5, J Mahmoud (Fr) 23:39.95; 6, H Steffny (WG) 23:44.58; 7, A Leonard (GB) 23:45.15; 8, V Lafranchi (Switz) 23:46.77; 9, M de Oliveiras (Port) 23:49.06; 10, M Longthorn (GB) 23:55.18.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

Tour match

rthern Division	17	Romania	8

Representative matches

glo-Scots	24	Glasgow	0
S Scotland	44	N and M'lands	7

Club matches

eravon	37	Abertillery	0
ingham	19	Glamorgan Wdrs	17
ventry	6	Cardiff	12
bw Vale	22	Tredegar	11
lde	0	Sale	18
la	C	Langholm	C
asgow Acad	12	Melrose	9
oucester	13	Bridgend	3
lifax	15	Headingley	4
inat's FP	43	Watsonians	4
ddersfield	C	Vale of Lune	C
lso	C	Alnwick	C
anelli	31	Bristol	12
ndon Scottish	3	Harlequins	28
ath	21	Moseley	10
wport	32	Torquay	3
rthampton	9	Bath	28
rthern	C	Morley	C
ttingham	0	Wasps	3
neaton	44	Manchester	9
ley	18	Liverpool	10
narth	4	S Wales Police	13
ntypool	10	Newbridge	0
sslyn Park	29	Bedford	12
gby	6	Roundhay	31
racens	3	Richmond	38
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dnes	9	Orrell	15
nslow	12	Broughton Park	32

Yesterday
ddlesbrough 6, West Hartlepool 6.

NORTHERN: Colne and Nelson 18, Bury 13; Davenport 9, Hull and East Riding 17; Hatton 17, Wallasey 18; Heaton Moor 4, Burton 14; Leigh 3, Blackburn 7; Newton-le-Willows 13, Warrington 12; Nuneaton 44, Manchester 9; Oldham 6, Macclesfield 10; Otley 18, Liverpool 10; Preston Grasshoppers 14, West Park 7; Rochdale 7, Bramley 18; Rotherham 12, Sheffield 16; Winnington Park 15, Lymm 10; Wirral 0, Caldy 18.

HERTS MERIT TABLE: Bacavians 4, Letchworth GC 6.

SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Streatham/Croydon 10, Upper Clapton 4; Woodford 0, Askeans 18.

SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Havant 10, High Wycombe 14.

HEART OF ENGLAND MERIT TABLE: Ampthill 7, Bedford Athletic 8.

KENT MERIT TABLE: Gillingham Anchorians 23, Bromley 0.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Brighton 33, Bognor Regis 7; Lewis 33, Crawley 4.

TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: Old Bancroftians 3, Old Reigatians 33; OMT 10, Old Blues 7; Old Paulines 26, Old Dunstonians 3; Old Surbitonians 6, KCS OB 22.

SOUTH-WEST: Bass Merit Table: Tiverton 10, Avon and Somerset Police 10. Devon Merit Table: Bideford 6, Devon and Cornwall Police 3; Newton Abbot 0, Brixham 25; Sidmouth 6, Okehampton 0. Cornwall Merit Table: Camborne 14, St Austell 0; Truro 23, Falmouth 9; Newquay 26, Hayle 0; Redruth 6, Launceston 3; St Ives 32, Penzance-Newlyn 6. Club matches: Newport 32, Torquay 3; Taunton 33, Barnstaple 12; Exeter 13, Exmouth 6; Bridgwater 25, Whitgiftians 0; Weston-super-Mare 3, Cross Keys 13; Wellington 4, Dorchester 19. Postponed: Crediton v Yeovil. Under-18 county match: Devon 18, Cornwall 13.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES (NBA): Friday: Detroit Pistons 118, Indiana Pacers 110; Washington Bullets 126, Atlanta Hawks 111; New Jersey Nets 100, New York Knicks 97; Dallas Mavericks 125, Phoenix Suns 111; Los Angeles Lakers 135, Denver Nuggets 123; Philadelphia 76ers 114, Utah Jazz 111. Saturday: New Jersey Nets 110, Detroit Pistons 109; Washington Bullets 116, New York Knicks 108; Milwaukee Bucks 115, Cleveland Cavaliers 102; Atlanta Hawks 104, Chicago Bulls 101; Utah Jazz 99, Dallas Mavericks 97; Houston Rockets 108, Portland Trail Blazers 92; Indiana Pacers 123, Kansas City Kings 115; Boston Celtics 120, San Antonio Spurs 112; Los Angeles Lakers 113, Los Angeles Clippers 107; Denver Nuggets 115, Seattle Supersonics 108; Philadelphia 76ers 108, Golden State Warriors 96.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bracknell Pirates 85, Screen Stars Telford 81; Walkers Crisps Leicester 96, John Carr Doncaster 100.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES (NHL): Friday: Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Hartford Whalers 0; Buffalo Sabres 4, Winnipeg Jets 0; Detroit Red Wings 4, Calgary Flames 3; Philadelphia Flyers 7, Vancouver Canucks 4. Saturday: Boston Bruins 5, Minnesota North Stars 2; Buffalo Sabres 2, New Jersey Devils 1; Quebec Nordiques 10, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Washington Capitals 3, Hartford Whalers 2; Edmonton Oilers 6, Detroit Red Wings 2; Montreal Canadiens 7, New York Rangers 3; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; New York Islanders 5, St Louis Blues 1.

GOLF

TAURANGA: New Zealand PGA championship: Second round leaders: (New Zealand unless stated): 138: B Soland 69, 69. 140: Greg Turner 71, 69. 141: K Murray (Can) 69, 72. 142: S Reese 68, 74; P Hamblett 68, 74; C Owen 70, 72; S Owen 71, 71. 143: F Nobilo 71, 72; C Wilson (Aust) 74, 69. 144: P A Brostedt (Swe) 71, 73; K Dickey (Can) 73, 71.

CORAL GABLES, Florida: Orange Bowl junior championship: Third round: Men: 218: S Struvenn (WG). 219: N Simms (US). 222: J C Cortes (Chile), D Ratram (US), C Williams (US). 223: O Eckstein (WG). 224: K Tanigawa (US), D Weiner (US). 225: R Baldwin (US). 227: N Franza (US). Women: 227: K Nilsmark (Swe). 234: C Bourtayre (Fr). 236: L Nedoba (US). 237: B Blanchar (US). 240: M Cimino (US), D Miles (US), B Walker (Bra). 241: C Ambjorson (Swe). 243: S Maize (US). 246: M Ferreguti (Ven), M McCann (US).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES (NFL): play-offs: American Conference Semi-finals: Miami Dolphins 31, Seattle Seahawks 10. National Conference Semi-finals: San Francisco 49ers 21, New York Giants 10.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Old Hulmeians 16, Sale 8; Old Stopfordians 3, Cheadle 17; South Manchester and Wythenshawe 7, Old Waconians 9; Timperley 2, Stockport 18.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Victoria Open: second round (Australian unless stated): D Cassidy (US) bt M Wooldridge (US) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; B Drewett bt P Doohan 6-4, 6-4; J Fitzgerald bt H Sands (US) 6-2, 7-6; H van Boeckel (Neth) bt R Nixon (US) 6-3, 6-4. Quarter-finals: J Hlasek (Switz) bt C Dowdeswell (GB) 6-2, 6-4; Cassidy bt Boeckel 1-6, 6-1, 7-6; Fitzgerald bt Drewett 7-5, 7-6; M Anger (US) bt C van Rensburg (SA) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Doubles quarter-finals: Dowdeswell and J Lloyd (GB) bt J McCurdy and P Johnstone (Aus) 6-4, 7-5.

CRICKET

MELBOURNE: Inter-State cup: semi-final: Victoria 181 for 7 (Geoff Richardson 37, W Whiteside 32, D Gilbert 3 for 30, P Marks 2 for 24); New South Wales 185 for 3 (J Dyson 84 not out, Imran Khan 73 not out). New South Wales won by 7 wickets.

BOBSLEIGHING

KOENIGSEE, West Germany: World Cup: Two-man bobs: 1, M Truebner/I Voge (EG) 3 min 25.03 sec 2, R Wetzig/B Ferl (EG) 3:25.63; 3, H Bahr/P Roch (EG) 3:26.37.

ATHLETICS

CRYSTAL PALACE: centre sport road race: Men's 10 km: 1, J Buckner (Charnwood) 27 min; 2, B Smith (Gateshead) 27.45; 3, B Ford (Aldershot) 27.48.

SKI JUMPING

OBERSTDORF, West Germany: World cup event: 1, E Vettori (Austria) 235.4 pts (116/115 metres); 2, M Nykaenen (Fin) 228.9 (114.5/114); 3, A Felder (Austria) 220.4 (113.5/110). Position (after five events): 1, Felder 115 pts; 2, Vettori 82; 3= Nykaenen and J Puikkonen (Fin) 64.

VOLLEYBALL

APELDOORN, Netherlands: International tournament: Men's semi-final: Cuba 3, Netherlands 0; Sweden 3, South Korea 1. Play-offs: (for fifth place): Greece 2, Italy 0; (for seventh place); West Germany 2, Netherlands 0. Women's semi-final: Cuba 3, East Germany 0; South Korea 3, Olympia Ravenna (It) 3-0. Play-offs: (for fifth place): West Germany 2, Netherlands 1 (15-10); (for seventh place): Canada 2, France 0.

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race (after third night): 1, J Dristen/H Rinklin (WG) 88pts; 2, D Clark (Aust)/D Thurau (WG) 59; 3, R Pijnen (Neth)/A Fritz (WG) 36.

HOCKEY

BAD NEUENAHR, West Germany: Men's indoor tournament: Group A: England 11, Poland 1; Denmark 4, France 3; Poland 9, Denmark 2; England 12, France 2; Poland 11, France 2. Group B: West Germany 9, Wales 2; Austria 6, Italy 3; West Germany 14, Italy 9; Austria 6, Wales 3; West Germany 16, Austria 7. Semi-finals: England 6, Austria 5; West Germany 18, Poland 2. Final: West Germany 14, England 3. Third place play-off: Austria 10, Poland 5. Fifth place play-off: Wales 5, Denmark 5 (Wales won 9-8 on penalty). Seventh place play-off: Italy 9, France 5.

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackheath 3, St Albans 0; League: Guildford 0, Hounslow 2; Hawks 2, Surbiton 2.

CLUB MATCH: Gore Court 2, Gravesend 3.

TOBOGGANING

CRESTA RUN: Nino Bibbia Challenge Cup: 1, J Surtley (GB) 129.29; 2, C Bartschinger (Switz) 130.73; 3, U Nater (Switz) 130.90; 4, C Tesdorpf (WG) 131.49; 5, M Albers-Schoenberg 131.67; 6, M Melcher (Switz) 131.70.

SKATING

INNSBRUK: International speed competition: 500m: 1, M Hadschieff, (Austria 40.14sec. 1,000m: 1, Hadschieff, 1min 21.28sec. 1,500m: 1, H Stiekema, (Neth) 2:15.59. 3,000m: 1, H Nijdam, (Neth) 4:28.91. Women: 500m: 1, A Boorsma, (Neth) 44.30. 1,000m: 1, H de Vries, (Neth) 1:35.47. 1,500m: 1, G Thommen, (Switz) 2:48.86. 3,000m: 1, E Ulthem, (Neth) 5:06.38.

SHOOTING

HODNET (Shropshire): Winter series sponsored clay pigeon shoot: 50 sporting targets (302 entries, ground record): Equal 1, P Thorrold, A Heeks, E H Thomas, 47 out of 50. Women: Mrs R Simons, 39. Juniors: J Stafford, 43. Side-by-side shotgun users: V Richardson, 38.

IN BRIEF

Daring run rewarded

Hobart (Reuter) – Daring navigation has paid rich dividends for Indian Pacific, the likely overall winner of the Sydney to Hobart race. The 12.3 metre yacht headed out to sea through 11 metre waves and 50 knot winds for 107 miles before reaching Hobart ahead of many bigger yachts.

TENNIS: Colin Dowdeswell, of Britain, bowed out of the Victorian Open championships yesterday, with a 6-2, 6-4 quarter-final defeat by Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland, who now plays John Fitzgerald.

RACKETS: James Male, the double-handed Radleian, won the Swallow Trophy under-24 Open Singles at Queen's Club yesterday, beating Neil Smith, the Queen's Club professional, 15-12, 15-7, 15-11 (William Stephen writes).

CRICKET: Duleep Mendis leads Sri Lanka in the first match of their ten-week Australian tour, against Western Australia in Perth today.

TEAM: D Mendis (capt), R Dias, A de Mel, A de Silva, V John, B Kuruppu, A Ranatunga, R Ratnayake, R Ratnayake, A Silva, S Wettimuny.

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps takes the lead

Nick Phipps, of London, is the new overall leader in the inaugural World Cup series (Chris Moore writes). He finished seventh in yesterday's nations cup two-man event in Konigssee, West Germany, where five of the top six positions were filled by East Germans. Phipps effectively finished third to collect 18 points.

After taking 35 points from the world cup event in the Veltins Cup last month, he leads the combined standings, with the chance of consolidating his position in Igls this week.

Grand finale

Leicester City, who were defeated for the first time in six games at Watford on Saturday, had the consolation of collecting £1,000 as the leading League goal scorers in the first division in December. They found the net 15 times.

Other awards went to Oxford United (14 goals, £750), Derby County (13, £500), and Bury (14, £250).

A 'useless' trio achieve cricketing ambitions

Warm memories of battles with Tewin Irregulars

Simon Barnes

This is the time of year at which sports writers summon up remembrance of things past, and write about their fondest memories of a year's sport. I have no hesitation in nominating my own most cherished sporting memory of 1984. It was a brilliant leg-side stumping. The wicket keeper was standing up to left-arm bowler against a batsman who tended to play on the walk. The batsman was beaten by the flight, lifted his back foot for a fraction of a second, and in that infinitesimal fragment of time the wicket keeper took the ball and, in the same superb movement, sent a single bail cartwheeling skywards.

It was an unforgettable moment. I know. I was the wicket keeper.

For me, the outstanding moments of the sporting year took place not at Lord's nor Wembley, nor Ascot, nor Wimbledon, nor Los Angeles. They occurred on the playing fields of Tewin, a village in Hertfordshire that has rather a good cricket team. I play not for Tewin, but for the Tewin Irregulars. The Irregulars were formed at the beginning of the year, born from a single factor shared by three men: uselessness at cricket.

Uselessness combined with a desperate desire to be better - or at least to play. What team would ever give a game to Roob, Salts and me? No captain is ever that desperate. Not more than once a season, anyway.

But then we recalled our youth, and the games of pick-up football in the playground. There is always some fat kid who is both captain and centre forward, regardless to his lack of any ability. But, of course, it is his ball. Now we reasoned, if we bought a dozen or so cricket balls Roob could exhibit his brilliant variation of length (he alternates double bouncers and head-high beamers, Salts could swish away outside the off stump and me -, could buy a pair of enormous gauntlets and dive about. What greater happiness could be imagined?

Now I would not like to give the impression that we were messing about. No, indeed. We tried like mad in every game - damnit, we even won some of them. That was because we enticed some splendid cricketers to play for us, bowlers worthy of a better wicket keeper, batsmen who played proper shots (one of whom even had different trousers for bowling and fielding), cricketers who, actually liked playing for us.

Our opening bowlers were swift enough to turn several competent batsmen and one incompetent wicket keeper sheet white: who could fail to be amazed when the indomitable Fish fired them in like a bazooka off a leg-spinner's run? Murray, a Yorkshireman, at the other end, was the renowned purveyor of the "plimsoll ball". "Aye, I like it when they come to the wicket in plimsolls. I bowl fast yorkers at their feet."

One of the charms of an irregular side is the shifting nature of your colleagues. We fought out one nail-biting match with the help of a trio of quinquagenarian Cotswoldians with the wonderous Arthur taking three wickets with his sleepy-looking in-dippers. On another occasion we had four Indians, including a fearsome Sikh called Harinder. Had he worn his turban, I am sure we would not have lost a single run.

Catering opposition was never a problem. England has hundreds of informal teams. The Victoria and Albert Museum beat us narrowly and we were only saved from a hammering in the return by rain. Nelson, publishers, were whacked. Grub Street Casuals made us field for three hours on the hottest day in the year, but still failed to win, too-bee.

It was wonderful summer of cricket. Who can forget Roob's beamer at the opposition's crack driver, Murray's assault on the men of BBC Children's programmes, Fish scoring 75 as a makeshift opener, the catches that clanged out of my gloves? The cricket varied wildly. With Murray and The Fish in full cry, fielders standing like greyhounds in the slips, wicket keeper in terror of muffing a chance, the game is enthralling. Truly, this is the best of games, and we of the Irregulars try our best to play it in the best possible fashion: trying like anything to win and whingeing if we lose. Then having a pint.

Sometimes, we have two pints. In the company of the opposition (apart from once) and in full content. Never mind the grass stains all over your whites, or that the name of the maker of the ball is imprinted on your chest, or that the lying, deceitful batsman refused to walk when I had him on the technical chance (as all dropped catches are called) that went to ground: never mind, it was cricket, lovely cricket, and if Goodwin got the yips and O'H got out for four, so be it.

The sun goes down, the beer is liquid loveliness in the glass, and though the memories and the trousers were then green, the trouser are nor off-white once again, and as for the memories - as I write, already they are tinged with gold.

RACING: FITZGERALD'S SEVEN-YEAR-OLD LOOKS GOOD VALUE FOR CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

Gaye Chance a banker on Hennessy form

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With the form of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup working out so well, I find it hard to look further than Gaye Chance as the probable winner of the Tote Mandarin Handicap chase at Newbury today. Including Gaye Chance himself, the first six home in the Hennessy have all acquitted themselves really well in the meantime.

Gaye Chance's opportunity to shine came at Haydock, where the way that he responded under pressure to beat Forgive 'N Forget in the Tommy Whittle chase had to be seen to be believed. Since then, Forgive n' Forget has added his own stamp of excellence to that form by winning his next race at Wetherby by 10 lengths.

Much though there was to like about the way that Maori Venture and Door Latch won their last races at Lingfield Park and Cheltenham, respectively, I still prefer Gaye Chance who should have no difficulty in lasting today's distance of 3½ miles, having already proved himself as a top-class hurdler over extreme distances.

Very Promising, who finally lived up to his name with a heat-warming performance in his first steeplechase at Haydock, is my selection to win the Wantage Novices' Chase. Otherwise, it shoul pay to follow that successful trainer/jockey combination of Tim Forster and Hywel Davies at the Berkshire course. They had a double there on Saturday. This time, Co-member (1.0) and Clara Mountain (3.0) look poised to deliver the bacon.

I fancy Clara Mountain (nap) in particular. His recent winning form at Towcester and Wincanton has been boosted by the subsequent performances of Super Grass and French Captain. The latter, who has been successful at Folkestone and Huntingdon, after being beaten by Clara Mountain at Wincanton, now looks poised to win again at Leicester, where Direct Line appears to have the Hancock Handicap Chase at his mercy. The same comment applies to Sula Bula (2.45) at Catterick.

On New Year's Day, there should be something for someone everywhere, with six meetings dotted around the countryside. At Cheltenham, I am hopeful that the Lambourn trainer, Nicky Henderson, will win both the Steel Plate Sections Young Chasers qualifier, and the first division of the Malvern Novices Hurdle for his enthusiastic owner, George Johnson, with Destiny Bay and Oxhey Cottage, respectively.

Two miles will suit Destiny Bay, who blatantly failed to stay the extra half mile on his previous visit to Cheltenham. When last seen, Oxhey Cottage was runner-up to The Haciendero at Newbury. In the meantime, not only The Hacienderos but also Deep Impression and Gay Rascal, who finished third and fourth, have won.

Deep Impression, who scored by 15 lengths at Lingfield, is mapped to put the promising Emerald Watson in his place in the second division of the Malvern Novices' Hurdle.

Wing And A Prayer, who won the Triumph Hurdle Trial during the previous Cheltenham meeting, can keep up the good work by accounting for his former stable companion, Pagan Sun, and the Chepstow flop, Freeflow, in the Steel Plate Trial Hurdle.

Against the Grain (1.15) who fought such a gallant losing battle when pitted against Wing And A Prayer at Cheltenham, can come good again at Leicester where his stable companion, Semay, also has a good chance of winning the Glebe Handicap Hurdle.

If the outcome of the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Boxing Day was anything to go by, Janus should account for Ra Nova and the rest to win the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor where the recent Lingfield winner, Rock Saint (1.30), Silva Linda (3.0) and Gold Tycoon (3.30). All appear to have good chances of winning their races.

Forgive 'N Forget one to remember

By Michael Seely

Forgive 'N Forget would seem to be an appropriate and hopefully profitable New Year message for punters on the last day of publication of 1984. With nearly two and a half months to go to Cheltenham, Jenny Pitman, and Monica Dickinson appear to exercise strangleholds on the chief prizes of the National Hunt Festival.

The seemingly invincible Burrough Hill Lad is 6-4 on with Ladbrokes for the Gold Cup after his fourth consecutive triumph of the season at Kempton Park. And Browne's Gazette is deservedly a 5-4 chance with the same firm for the Champion Hurdle after the six-year-old's exhilarating defeat of Desert Orchid in the Christmas Hurdle the same afternoon.

However, it is the bookmakers who traditionally holiday in Barbados by laying short-priced favourites so far in advance of the event. And as far as the Gold Cup is concerned, the 25-1 on offer against Forgive 'N Forget looks a tempting each-way proposition for backers at this early stage of the game.

Jimmy FitzGerald, the man who had the Cheltenham bookmakers squealing for mercy after Forgive 'N Forget had landed a public gamble in the 1983 Joe Coral Golden Hurdle final, is nothing if not a realist. "I don't see that a little each way could do any harm", he said yesterday. "I still think that the horse was injudiciously ridden when second to A Kinsman in the Sun Alliance Chase.

"This season he needed the race badly when just beaten by Gaye Chance at Haydock and although he didn't beat much, plesed me immensely when winning so easily at Wetherby last week."

Prior to his Yorkshire victory Forgive 'N Forget was rated 31lbs inferior to Burrough Hill Lad by the handicapper. The pride of Malton's next hopeful step on the road to fame will be taken in the Embassy Premier Chase Final at Ascot on Saturday week. And students of these matters will not need reminding that both L'Escargot and Captain Christy both took part in this sponsored chase in the same year as their Gold Cup triumphs.

Canny Danny, the other Fitzgerald stable star, will attempt to defy a 4lb penalty for his recent SGB Chase in the Anthony Mildmay Peter Cazelot Memorial Chase at Sandown on Saturday. Surprisingly Combs Ditch, who looked the handicap snip of the season with only 10st 8lb to carry after his recent narow defeat by Burrough Hill Lad at level weights at Kempton, is to decline this engagement.

"I know it looks tempting, but it might not be in the best interests of the horse", David Elsworth, the trainer, said yesterday. "All the good horses are bound to go out at the four-day stage of acceptors and after having waited for so long with Combe Ditch it would be unfair to ask him to shoulder 11st 7lb in a handicap. We will probably wait for *the John Bull Chase at Wincanton*".

If Elsworth is correct in his assumption, Canny Hill will be the highest acceptor and will be set to carry 11st 11lb. "That won't keep us away", Fitzgerald concluded. "Canny is a big old horse and with 15 grand at stake we've got to go for gold".

After the frivolous atmosphere at fog-free Fontwell on Friday, everyone seemed to be suffering from a surfeit of Christmas fare and from too much holiday racing at a mist-enshrouded Newbury on Saturday. However, the arrival of a horde of jubilant Irish backers in the unsaddling enclosure after Jimmy Doyle had forced Flarey Sark's head past the post the minimum distance in front of Prideaux Boy in the L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle certainly enlivened the proceedings.

"I'm glad the photofinish went the right way", a relieved supporter said. "They'd ripped us off £70 for the ride from Heathrow and it might have been a long walk back up the M4". The winner of five hurdle races in Ireland last season when trained by the jockey's father, Pat Doyle, Flarey Sark is now with Roger Fisher at Ulverston.

Graham Roach, the pheasant-shooting pork-packer from St Austell considered that Barry Wright had made his run too soon on the Mecca Bookmakers' Hurdle winner. "We'll be back here to try and prove the point in the Schweppes Gold Trophy", the Cornwall trainer said grimly afterwards.

The other feature of the afternoon was Tim Forster's double with Drumadowney and Romany Nightshade and another dour performance by The Breener, who showed both courage and stamina when maintaining his unbeaten record for Oliver Sherwood in the Challow Hurdle.

"He's so lazy he nearly givres you heart failure", the trainer said afterwards. "The Breener will now have a rest while we decide whether to go for the two miles or the 2½ mile novices' race at Cheltenham".

A certain future winner from this event is Church Warden, who was still travelling strongly in the lead when blundering badly and unseating the normally immovable John Francome

● Mercy Rimell, trainer of the former champion hurdler, Gaye Brief, has received the results of blood tests taken from the gelding after his defeat by Browne's Gazette at Cheltenham earlier this month. "Gaye Brief's blood count is nearly, but not quite balanced", Mrs Rimell, said, adding that the horse will go for the Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock Park on January 19.



The Breener (nearside) takes the last hurdle level with Hunter River before going on to win Saturday's Challow Hurdle at Newbury

Northern Game on top

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

Eddie O'Grady's Triumph Hurdle winner, Northern Game, cleverly outpointed the much improved four-year Charlie's Cottage to win the Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown on Saturday by three-quarters of a length.

Northern Game is still not fully tuned up but this race will have done him a power of good and O'Grady said that he would enter him for the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.

In the meantime, his nest target is the Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown on January 12. With his win here, Frank Berry, the reigning irish champion jump jockey, narrowed the gap with the leader, Tony Mullins, to one.

The most significant contest during Fairyhouses two-day meeting is tomorrow's G V Malcomson Memorial Chase. Though there were eight overnight declarations for this the latest indication from trainers suggest that the field will cut up to five runners with Rainbow Warrior likely to start a clear favourite.

He was bowling along in the lead in the Findus Handicap Chase at Leopardstown on Thursday when putting in a short one at the second last fence and come down.

NEW YEARS' DAY FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

First division

Arsenal v Tottenham (11.30)
Aston Villa v West Bromwich
Chelsea v Nottingham Forest
Coventry City v Stoke City
Everton v Luton Town
Ipswich Town v Norwich City
Leicester City v Southampton
Manchester United v Sheffield W
Newcastle United v Sunderland
Watford v Liverpool
West Ham United v QPR

Second division

Barnsley v Blackburn Rovers
Cardiff City v Shrewsbury Town
Charlton v Brighton
Grimsby Town v Huddersfield
Leeds United v Manchester City
Middlesbrough v Oxford United
Notts County v Crystal Palace
Oldham v Wimbledon (11.30)
Portsmouth v Fulham
Sheffield United v Birmingham
Wolverhampton v Carlisle United

Third division

Bolton Wanderers v Orient
Bournemouth v Gillingham
Bristol R v Cambridge (7.45)
Burnley v Wigan Athletic
Derby County v York City
Doncaster Rovers v Walsall
Hull City v Bristol City
Lincoln City v Swansea City
Plymouth Argyle v Brentford
Preston NE v Newport County
Reading v Millwall (12.0)
Rotherham United v Bradford

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.00): Premier division: B.Ae (Woybridge) v Westfield; Chobham v Virginia Water; Cranleigh v Godalming; Farleigh v Southwick (2.00); Farnham v Ash; Frimley Green v Cove; Hartley Wintney v Fleet; Malden Town v Malden Vale; Merstham v Horley.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington v Alvechurch; Chelmsford v Crawley; Gloucester v Fareham; Hastings v Corby; RS Southampton v Trowbridge; Shepshed v Kings Lynn; Welling v Folkestone; Willenhall v Bedworth; Witney v Cheltenham (2.0).

Midland division: Banbury v Forest Green; Dudley v Coventry Sporting; Hednesford v Stourbridge; Leicester Utd v Wellingborough; Moor Green v Redditch (11.30); Oldbury v Milton Keynes; Rushden v Bridgnorth; Sutton Coldfield v Aylesbury; VS Rugby v Bromsgrove.

Southern division: Andover v Dorchester; Cambridge City v Waterlooville; Dover v Sheppey; Erith and Belvedere v Woodford; Gosport v Addlestone (7.30); Hillingdon v Dunstable (11.30); Poole v Basingstoke; Tonbridge v Ashford.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay v Barking; Bishop's Stortford v Leytonstone/Ilford; Croydon v Dulwich Hamlet; Harrow v Hitchin; Hendon v Slough (7.30); Sutton United v Carshalton; Tooting and Mitcham v Epsom and Ewell; Walthamstow v Harlow (11.30); Windsor and Eton v Wycombe; Wokingham v Hayes; Worthing v Bognor Regis. First division: Boreham Wood v St Albans (7.30); Bromley v Kingstonian; Farnborough v Maidenhead United; Hertford v Clapton; Hornchurch v Basildon (7.30); Lewes v Woking; Metropolitan Police v Wembley (11.30); Oxford City v Chesham (7.30); Staines v Hampton; Tilbury v Aveley; Walton and Hersham v Leatherhead (7.30). Second division north: Barton v Letchworth; Epping v Finchley; Flackwell Heath v Hemel Hempstead; Haringey v Cheshunt; Kingsbury v Chalfont St Peter; Leyton-Wingate v Harefield; Royston v Ware; Saffron Walden v Heybridge Swifts; Stevenage v Marlow; Tring v Wolverton. Second division south: Chertsey v Feltham; Egham v Camberley (11.0); Horsham v Dorking; Hungerford v Bracknell; Petersfield v Newbury; Rainham v Banstead (1.30); Ruislip v Molesey (7.30); Southall v Uxbridge; Whyteleafe v Eastbourne.

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SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Ards v Newry; Ballymena v Crusaders (12.00); Carrick v Larne; Cliftonville v Coleraine; Distillery v Bangor; Glentoran v Glenavon (3.00); Portadown v Linfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE CUP: Portfield v Chichester (2.00).

SUSSEX RUR CHARITY CUP: Second round: Albion v Hailsham.

Fourth division

Crewe v Blackpool (7.30)
Hereford United v Southend
Mansfield Town v Darlington
Peterborough v Chester
Port Vale v Exeter City
Rochdale v Halifax Town
Stockport County v Northampton
Swindon Town v Chesterfield
Torquay United v Aldershot
Tranmere v Scunthorpe (3.15)
Wrexham v Colchester United

Scottish premier division

Dumbarton v Dundee
Hibernian v Hearts
Morton v St Mirren
Rangers v Celtic (2.0)

Scottish first division

Clyde v Partick Th
Clydebank v Airdrie
East Fife v St Johnstone
Forfar v Brechin

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Stenhousemuir
Berwick v Cowdenbeath
Montrose v Arbroath
Queen of South v Stranraer

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE (2.30): Premier division: Barnstaple v Taunton; Chard v Exmouth; Chippenham v Frome; Clevedon v Shepton Mallet; Dawlish v Liskeard; Mangotsfield v Paulton; Elksham v Bristol Manor Farm; Minehead v Bideford (3.0); Saltash v Plymouth Argyle reserves

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division; Arlesey v Baldock; Bourne v Holbeach; Newport Pagnell v Brackley; Rothwell v Stotfold

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Gorleston v Great Yarmouth; Stowmarket v Lowestoft; Wisbech v Chatteris.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH

South & West Division v Romania (at Gloucester)

CLUB MATCHES

Broughton Pk v Kendal (2.30)
Cardiff v Crawshay's XV (7.15)
Fylde v St Helens (2.15)
Glamrgn Wdrs v Maesteg (7.15)
Halifax v Sheffield (2.30)
Liverpool v Morley (2.30)
London Welsh v Bedford (2.15)
Moseley v Gloucester
Nottingham v Wakefield
Nuneaton v Edwardian
Otley v Headingley (2.15)
Pontypridd v Aberavon
Sale v Manchester (2.45)
Saracens v Blackheath (2.30)
Wasps v Rosslyn Park (2.30)

BASS MERIT TABLE: Bridgwater and Albion v Torquay Athletic; Weston-super-Mare v Taunton.

CARLING LAGER MERIT TABLE: Solihull v Stafford.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Falmouth v St Austell; Launceston v Redruth; Penryn v Truro.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: A: Newton Abbot v Teignmouth; Exmouth v Sidmouth. B: Ivybridge v Honiton; Totnes v Exeter Saracens.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Castleford v Bradford Northern (3.30); Hull KR v Hunslet; Leeds v Leigh; Oldham v Halifax; Widnes v St Helens; Wigan v Warrington.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Wakefield Trinity (11.0); Keighley v Huddersfield (3.15); Southend v Fulham; Swinton v Runcorn.

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Broxbourne v West Herts; Epsom v Cheam.

Womens County Championship: South (at Bisham Abbey NSC. 10.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Philips World Invitation Club Championships (at Crystal Palace NSC).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

HOCKEY: Women's county championships: East (Eurosports Village, Shotley Gate, near Ipswich, 10.0); Midlands (Bedford CHE., 9.45); North (Queen Mary School, Lytham St Annes, 10.0); South (Bisham Abbey NSC., 10.0); West (Cheltenham Ladies' College, 10.30).

BASKETBALL: Philips World Invitation Club Championships at Crystal Palace NSC).

Bramble defends

Reno, Nevada, (AFP) – Livingstone Bramble, of the United States, will defend his World Boxing Association lightweight title here for the first time on February 16 against fellow American Ray Mancini, from whom he took the title in June.

NEWBURY (BBC)

[Televised (BBC 2): 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30]

GOING: soft

Tote: Double 1.30, 2.30. Treble 1.00, 2.00, 3.00.

12.30 ABINGDON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,802: 3m 120yd) (13 runners)

101 1401-14 EVER GREAT (CD) (D Bowlett) D Oughton 5-12-1 ....G Charles-Jones
102 2-00423 CROSS MASTER (Mrs P Flight) T Bill 7-11-11 ....G Williams
103 /41401- FULL MEASURE (Siegeford Ltd) P Bowden 5-11-9 ....R Arnott
104 0/4-320 CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE (H Thomson) N Gaselee 7-11-6 ....A Adams
105 2121-40 COUNTRY AGENT (J Wilkinson) F Winter 6-11-6 ....T Gibson
106 0433-pp INDIANA DARE (B) (Mrs D Cousins) J Jenkins 8-11-2 .... –
108 02001-0 SEABATTLE (Mrs N Goulandris) J Gifford 5-10-7 ....E Murphy
110 0000-04 KASLAND (Mrs J Petty) Miss L Bower 7-10-3 ....M Palmer
111 0p-3341 LE LEVADOR (D Hill) Mrs R Lomax 5-10-0 (5 ex) .... –
112 /0-p220 CAPTAIN FANTASTIC (A Smith) A Davison 6-10-0 ....A Jones
113 0000-0p CURTAIN RUN (B) (R Yates) Mrs S Davenport 6-10-0 ....J Duggan
116 0/200-3 IMPLICATION (F Crouch) A Moore 5-10-0 ....P Corrigan
118 00000-2 HASTY KATE (L Tory) L Tory 5-10-0 ....N Fearn

1983: Do or Die 6-10-4 M Gaswell (9-1) O O'Neill 13 ran.

11-4 Country Agent, 7-2 Ever Great, 9-2 Le Levador, 6 Kasland, Seabattle, 8 Cross Master, 10 Full Measure, 16 others.

Newbury selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Le Levader. 1.0 Co Member. 1.30 Gaye Chance. 2.0 Sheer Gold. 2.30 Very Promising. 3.0 CLARA MOUNTAIN (nap).

Michael Seely's selection 12.30 LE LEVADUR (nap).

1.0 HUNGERFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,043: 2m 4f) (9)

201 131/p-4- RORQUAL (D) (W Whitbread) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-12 ....S Morshead
203 10-0310 WILL BOREEN (B) (D) (A Durkan) M McCormack 10-10-13 (7 ex) ....J Francome
204 /321/0p ARABIAN MUSIC (D) (BF) (Lady Rootes) J Gifford 8-10-11 ....R Rowe
205 1p-0421 CO MEMBER (D) (Mrs J Finding) T Forster 8-10-11 (7 ex) ....H Davies
206 f3-4043 COMEDIAN (Mrs G Benney) D Nicholson 6-10-8 ....P Scudamore
207 213022 NETHERBRIDGE (D) (BF) (M Vigors) D Gandolfo 6-10-5 ....P Croucher 4
209 1-0p460 KASHILL (J Bird) A Moore 6-10-0 .... –
211 341-430 FORTSTAR (B) (D) (L Thwaites) S Christian 6-10-0 ....A Webber
212 3004/0 CANFORD LAD (A Reid) Mrs N Kennedy 7-10-0 .... –

1.30 TOTE MANDARIN HANDICAP CHASE (£5,764: 3m 2f 82yd) (5)

2.00 RAMSBURY HURDLE (4-y-o: £2,557: 2m 4f 120yd) (11)

2.30 WANTAGE NOVICE CHASE (£1,863: 2m 160yd) (6)

3.0 NEWTOWN NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,858: 2m 100yd) (13)

Saturday's results

Newbury

12.30 1, Drumadowney (6-5 fav); 2, Batchworth (8-1); 3, Perhaps Lucky (10-1). 8 ran.

1.0 1, The Breener (15-8 fav); 2, Hunter River (7-1); 3, Lucky Rascal (9-1). 9 ran.

1.30 1, Flarey Sark (7-1); 2, Prideaux Boy (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Binuston Brook (5-1). Isbkomaan (4-1 jt-fav). 11 ran.

Ayr

Stratford-on-Avon

Course specialists

CATTERICK

LEICESTER

NEWBURY

CHELTENHAM

DEVON

JOCKEYS: no qualifies.

TRAINERS: F Winter 15 winners from 30 runners 50.0%; D Elsworth 12 from 39, 30.8%; L Kennard 45 from 222, 20.3%.

CARLISLE

JOCKEYS: N Doughty 21 winners from 108 rides, 19.5%.

TRAINERS: A Scott 7 winners from 27 runners, 25.9%; G Richards 4 from 197, 20.3%; R Fisher 8 from 82, 9%.

WINDSOR

JOCKEYS: No qualifies.

TRAINERS: D Nicholson 9 winners from 38 runners, 23.7%; R Armytage 7 from 58, 14.8%; J Gifford 9 from 69, 13.0%.

Leaders over jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
J Jenkins	50	32	16	21	+13.34
G Richards	40	36	20	9	−13.76
F Winter	37	14	14	0	+4.10
M H Easterby	33	11	16	0	−5.40
W Stephenson	31	21	17	0	−15.94
T Forster	27	22	8	3	+6.41
M Dickinson	25	12	6	3	+5.26
S Mellor	23	9	7	0	−40.08

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
J Francome	68	36	31	10	−38.52
N Doughty	38	14	19	15	−19.69
S Morshead	32	18	22	6	−22.94
R Earnshaw	28	22	14	14	−9.02
S Smith Eccles	28	34	19	5	+4.06
G Bradley	25	15	13	2	−13.36
P Scudamore	25	40	30	0	−137.39
H Davies	25	20	12	2	−50.62

LEICESTER

GOING: Chase good, Hurdles soft

1.0 HOBY SELLING HURDLE (£648: 2m) (12 runners)

3 s00-4 GALE BOY P Allingham 4-11-7 ....P Barton
4 0-004 SOLAR LIGHT (B) F Yardley 4-11-7 ....C Smith
7 0040 HIGHVIEW P Bevan 3-10-7 ....G McCourt
8 0p IRISH GUEST (B) A Davison 3-10-7 ....Miss P Ffitch Heyes 7
9 0 JUST SPUD J Smith 3-10-7 ....K Burke 7
10 00 MR MENACING (B) J Jenkins 3-10-7 .... –
11 ROWLEY LODGE P Bevan 3-10-7 ....R Hatfield 7
13 GREAT LINE R O'Neill 3-10-2 ....K Caplen 7
14 03 HARDWICK AMBER W Wharton 3-10-2 ....S J O'Neill
15 0P MURRAY'S FANCY M Ryan 3-10-2 ....J McLaughlin
16 00 SHEIKY CHARDON D Weeden 3-10-2 ....K Townend 7
17 0p ....R O'Neill 3-10-2 .... [illegible]

1983: Little Hungarian 3-10-3 M Richards (11-2) P Hedger 10 ran.

2 Mr Menacing, 11-4 Hardwick Amber, 9-2 Solar Light, Murray's Fancy, 10 Highview, 16 Just Spud, 20 others.

Leicester selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Hardwick Amber. 1.30 French Captain. 2.0 Flaxen Tina. 2.30 Direct Line. 3.0 Master Skip. 3.30 Scotsman Ice.

Michael Seely's selection 2.30 Direct Line.

1.30 MIDLAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,046: 2m) (12)

2 20-00 MORVERN (D) W Musson 5-11-9 ....C Smith
3 0101 DIDDELO (D) B Wise 7-11-8 (5 ex) ....R Rowell
5 3211 FRENCH CAPTAIN Lady Herries 6-11-6 (8 ex) ....M Kinane
7 2/1-6 WEARMOUTH (D) Mrs T Pilkington 8-11-4 ....Mr A J Wilson
11 0-020 AN-GO-LOOK (D) (BF) M Scudamore 5-10-12 ....M Williams
14 4-p00 SPOTSYLVANIA (D) P Bevan 6-10-6 ....R Hatfield 7
15 1p00 QUALTAIR PRINCE (D) (B) M Ryan 5-10-8

2.0 GALLOWTREE NOVICE CHASE (£1,898: 3m) (12)

15 00-4 GAY CALYPSO J Edwards 5-10-12 .... –
16 0-022 GOLDEN MINSTREL J Gifford 5-10-12 ....P Nicholls
18 422-0 HOPEFUL SAINT D Nugent 6-10-12 ....C Mann
22 00/pf MACBETH T Bill 6-10-12 .... –
23 0p-p0 MY MAJOR P W Harris 5-10-12 ....R Strange
24 1-f04 PRIDE O'FIFE J A Edwards 6-10-12 ....P Barton
27 fpf2 WISE WORDS P G Bailey 6-10-12 ....R Linley
29 02-32 FLAXEN TINA (BF) J Webber 6-10-7 ....M Jenkins 7
30 p- NITTY'S GIRL C Loggin 8-10-7 ....Miss J Vergette 7

1983: Fearless Seal 6-10-12 J O'Neill (5-4 fav) R Hollinshead 19 ran.

13-8 Golden Minstrel, 5-2 Flaxen Tina, 4 Royscript, 7 Abo Ace, 10 Wise Words, 16 others.

2.30 HANCOCK HANDICAP CHASE (£1,752: 2m 4f) (4)

3.0 QUORN NOVICE CHASE (£1,297: 2m) (5)

1983: Noo ...

5-4 Sovereign ... Tough Customer.

3.30 PYTCHLEY NOVICE HURDLE (£1,021: 2m) (14)

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: Good

12.45 MOTHER GOOSE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £588: 2m) (16 runners)

8 0000 KING'S HOLT N Waggott 5-11-0 ....R Earnshaw
9 000 MARSHALL RED J Mason 4-11-0 ....M Pepper
11 2230 MR PERFECT B Wilkinson 5-11-0 ....N Doughty
12 0-400 NIGHT PEARL A Smith 5-11-0 ....C Grant
16 00-0 SRANOUSKE J L Harris 5-11-0 ....J A Harris
17 000/ SHIRLSTAR BUYABOX J Wade 5-11-0 ....Mr J Wade
18 000/0- SKEETINGS B Temple 6-11-0 ....C Pimlott
19 pp STARGAZE M Chapman 4-11-0 ....S Keightley
20 030- TANA'S PERFORMANCE N Crump 5-11-0 ....D Wilkinson
21 2-0p0 TORONTO STAR (B) A Potts 4-10-9 ....R Lamb
22 f DRAKE HOUSE E Alston 4-10-9 ....K Doolan 7
23 0-000 KELLETT Miss J Easton 4-10-9 ....P Barry

1983: Outlaw 4-10-11 J J O'Neill (2-1 fav) W Clay (14 ran)

9-4 Charlotte's Dance, 7-2 Mr Perfect, 9-2 Keycorn, 6 Tana's Performance.

Catterick selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Charlotte's Dance. 1.15 Reay's Song. 1.45 Emandar. 2.15 Strawhill. 2.45 Sula Bula. 3.15 Fudge Delight.

Michael Seely's selection 2.15 Strawhill.

1.15 CINDERELLA SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£626: 2m) (8)

1 p/03 COLONEL CREOLE (D) V Thompson 8-12-6 ....Mr M Thompson 7
2 012 REAY'S SONG (D) M Naughton 10-11-10 (5 ex) ....C Grant
4 000 DEAR REMUS (D) J Harris 12-11-2 ....J A Harris
5 00-0 ROYAL BISHOP D McCain 10-10-7 ....K Dolan 4
6 0d2 MR PONGEE (C) F Storey 9-10-0 ....B Storey

1.45 DICK WHITTINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,381: 2m) (17)

2.15 SCOTCH CORNER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,567: 3m 300yd) (7)

2 Strawhill, 11-4 ...

2.45 ROBINSON CRUSOE NOVICE CHASE (£1,078: 2m) (12)

Evens Sula Bula ...

3.15 MOTHER GOOSE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £590: 2m) (15)

● Harry Hastings shook off top weight of 12st to win the Ladbroke Novices Handicap Hurdle (qualifier) by eight lengths from Hand Over at rainsoaked Ayr on Saturday. It was a special occasion for the local trainer, John Wilson as this was his first success since moving to the famous Cree Lodge Stables just across the road from the course.

Runners and riders for six programmes on New Year's Day

CHELTENHAM (BBC)

[Televised: 12.45, 1.20, 1.55, 2.30]

GOING: good to soft

Tote double 1.55 & 3.05. Treble: 1.20, 2.30 & 3.40.

12.45 NORTHLEACH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,178: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

101 311/010- BROOMY BANK (C) (D) (Capt J Lumsden) J Edwards 10-12-7 —
103 4/12-11 GLENFOX (P Dickson) S Mellor 8-10-9 G Charles-Jones
104 p401p-p ROMAN BISTRO (D) (D Martin-Betts) J Gifford 9-10-7 —
105 214/pp- GALLEON BEACH (E Barber) J Edwards 9-10-6 —
106 002-12p BALLYROSS (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 14-10-4 P Croucher

1984: Toirdealbhach 10-11-7 C Bell (3-1) P O'Connor 8 ran

Glenfox, 5-2 Ballyross, 3 Roman Bistro, 10 Galleon Beach.

Cheltenham selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Glenfox, 1.20 Wing And A Prayer, 1.55 Destiny Bay, 2.30 Kathies Lad, 3.05 Oxhey Cottage, 3.40 DEEP IMPRESSSION (nap).

1.20 STEEL PLATE TRIAL HURDLE (4-y-o: £3,850: 2m) (8)

201 121 WING AND A PRAYER (CD) (D Steele) A Bailey 11-7 —
202 12114 FREEFLOW (D) (BF) (G Richards) G Richards 11-3 J Hanlon
203 303 BALLYCRACKERS (Mrs J Robinson) R Perkins 11-0 Dai Williams
205 10 BASKET WEAVE (E Weinstein) A Jarvis 11-0 —
206 24 MIRANAC (BF) (F H Lee) F H Lee 11-0 —
207 01 PAGAN SUN (T Ramsden) A Bailey 11-0 A Carroll
208 3f PRINCE RAMBORO (E Wheatley) Mrs M Rimell 11-0 S Morshead
209 6 WINNING FLUSH (M Kiernan) M Scudamore 11-0 NON-RUNNER

1984: Santella King 11-7 R Earnshaw (13-2) M W Dickinson 10 ran.

11-8 Wing And A Prayer, 5-2 Pagan Sun, 9-2 Freeflow, 8 Miranac, 12 Prince Ramboro, 14 Ballycrackers, 20 others.

FORM: WING AND A PRAYER (11-3) won 5l from Against The Grain (11-0) with PAGAN SUN (11-0) 7th beaten over 35l 13 ran. Cheltenham 2m hdle, good to soft, Dec 8. BALLYCRACKERS (10-12) 3rd beaten 16l to Tirours Double (10-12) 16 ran. Wolverhampton 2m nov hdle, soft, Dec 27. BASKET WEAVE (10-8) 5th beaten 17l to Beat The Retreat (10-12) 14 ran. Nottingham 2m hdle, good to soft, Nov 23. MIRANAC (10-12) 4th beaten 9½l to Shipwright (10-12) 17 ran. Wolverhampton 2m nov hdle, soft, Dec 27. PAGAN SUN latest (10-12) won 10l from Gulfland (10-12) 15 ran. Fakenham 2m nov hdle, good to soft, Dec 21. PRINCE RAMBRO latest brought down 8th earlier (10-12) 3rd beaten 30l to Sambrook Again (11-6) 8 ran. Cheltenham 2m hdle, soft, Nov 10.

Selection: WING AND A PRAYER.

1.55 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS NOVICE QUALIFIER (£2,934: 2m) (4)

301 10-311f THE REJECT (D) (BF) (T Ludlow) F Winter 8-11-11 —
302 21p-133 DESTINY DAY (G Johnson) N Henderson 7-11-7 S Smith Eccles
305 0p-p0f2 BUCKS GREEN (Mrs B Trafford) J Gifford 6-11-3 —
308 00-2f RIG STEEL (BF) (R Robbins) P Cundell 5-10-7 —

1984: No corresponding race.

11-10 The Reject, 9-4 Destiny Bay, 4 Rig Steel, 5 Bucks Green.

2.30 CLEEVE HILL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,417: 2m 4f) (7)

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3.05 MALVERN NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £1,520: 2m) (18)

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3.40 MALVERN NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £1,528: 2m) (14)

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CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good to soft

12.45 RICHMOND HANDICAP CHASE (£1,156: 2m) (6 runners)

1 240 Jimmy Chips 8-11-10 —
2 1-00 Drum Rullagh 10-11-6 P Charlton
5 p4-0 Abbey Avenue 7-11-0 R Lamb
6 -024 Starlight Lad 11-10-13 C Grant
7 230 Mick's Mind 5-10-7 —
8 214 Somerled 6-10-0 (4 ex) C Hawkins

5-2 Drum Rullagh, 7-2 Jimmy Chips, 4 Somerled, 11-2 Mick's Mind.

1.15 FINGALL SELLING HURDLE (£654: 2m) (20)

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5 -320 Joe's Fancy 7-10-12 G W Gray
6 41-0 Sunset Surprise 8-10-10 C Grant
7 814 Moonlighter 6-10-10 J Barlow
8 ... Tarquin (B) 6-10-8 M Dwyer
9 ... Rainbow Grange 6-10-8 D Dutton
10 30p- Wil-Tot (B) 8-10-4 —
12 03 Maracas Bay (B) 6-10-0 R Earnshaw
13 300 Shackle Pin (B) 5-10-0 J O'Gorman 7
14 -004 Causeway Grove 5-10-0 M Pepper
15 ... Demon King 6-10-0 Miss J Vergette 7

3 Crammond Brig, 4 Run In Tune, 9-2 Mountaineer.

1.45 ZETLAND HANDICAP CHASE (£1,977: 3m 300yd) (15)

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2.15 BARTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,017: 3m 300yd) (14)

[illegible]

2.45 CAMP NOVICES' CHASE (£1,007: 3m 300yd) (14)

[illegible]

3.15 STAND NOVICES' HURDLE (£764: 2m) (13)

[illegible]

CARLISLE

GOING: good to soft

12.45 GIN AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£826: 2m) (4 runners)

[illegible]

1.15 VODKA SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£391: 3m 100yd) (9)

[illegible]

1.45 WHISKY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,592: 3m) (8)

[illegible]

2.15 MANITOU NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier) (£1,721: 2m 4f) (16)

[illegible]

2.45 BRANDY NOVICE CHASE (£869: 2m 4f) (13)

[illegible]

3.15 SHERRY HANDICAP HURDLE (£853: 2m 330yd) (9)

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WINDSOR

GOING: soft

1.0 BRAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£573: 2m 30yd) (12 runners)

1 0-000 TOPORI S Woodman 5-11-12 P Corrigan 7
2 0/p-00 CAN'T SWIM (B) R Howe 5-11-7 —
3 0000- LINTON GLEN R Parker 6-11-5 Mr T Grantham 7
4 pu-10 LILLE (B) (BF) B Forsey 6-11-4 —
5 010f EPRYANA M Madgwick 5-11-3 A Madgwick 4
6 0-400 SHIRLEY CREPELLA J Bridger 6-11-0 A Jones 7
7 0040 TOP GOLD H O'Neill 6-10-13 M Hammond
8 00/03 LES DANCER D Jermy 6-10-4 G Old
9 p-pr0 BIDDABLE R Hodges 6-10-0 —
11 p000 SHIRLSTAR Miss J Long 5-10-0 P Upsom
12 93-4 FULL BRIGADE (BF) R Howe 5-10-0 M Furlong
13 -p002 AIRBORNE DEAL A Moore 6-10-0 G Moore

3 Topori, 7-2 Shirley Crepella, 9-2 Epryana, 5 Full Brigade.

1.30 ECCHINSWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,247: 2m 40yd) (5)

1 1p-10 JUGADOR P D Haynes 10-12-7 A Webb
4 1011 ROCK SAINT G Gregson 8-10-13 (6 ex) G Newman
6 114 BRIGHT MORNING (CD) D Grissell 7-10-7 J Akehurst
8 2034 TOWER MOSS A Neaves 12-10-0 —
10 /43p-p ADMINISTRATOR H O'Neill 8-10-0 M Hammond

6-4 Jugador, 7-4 Rock Saint, 11-4 Bright Morning, 10 Tower Moss.

2.0 NEW YEAR'S DAY HURDLE (£5,941: 2m 30yd) (10)

2 1-110 RA NOVA Mrs N Kennedy 6-11-10 —
3 4-224 JANUS Mrs N Smith 7-11-7 C Brown
4 2122 AVERON (CD) C Wildman 5-11-4 —
5 300-0 BRAVE HUSSAR J Gifford 7-11-4 —
6 -1412 EVERSEAL (BF) F Winter 5-11-4 N Mann
8 4-p09 LINTON B Stevens 11-11-4 NON-RUNNER
9 4-122 MOUNT BOLUS D Oughton 5-11-4 P Double
10 -0122 RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (BF) J Jenkins 5-11-4 —

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2.30 FREDDIE STARR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,890: 3m 4f) (9)

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3.0 LANGLEY NOVICE CHASE (£1,244: 2m 40yd) (15)

1 3214 SIMON BOLIVAR (BF) E Witts 6-11-10 C Mann
2 3-613 SIR KENWIN R Armytage 7-11-10 A Webber
3 b141 SILVA LINDA F Winter 7-11-8 N Fenn 7
6 4p-30 MAITREDIER R Gow 6-11-3 —
7 0391- MANNA REEF J Edwards 7-11-3 P Barton
8 300f REBEL STAR B Wise 7-11-3 J Akehurst
9 p0-30 SUNDIAL D Nicholson 7-11-3 G Newman
10 0-p03 TRICKY BUSINESS A Moore 7-11-3 G Moore
11 -p003 BIG ROLLER J Bridger 6-10-12 A Jones
12 4-04p MADAM BUTTERFLY J Gifford 7-10-12 —
13 21-3f RONANA MIA T Forster 6-10-12 R Dunwoody
14 p0-p0 SHELL LANE Miss D Baker 6-10-12 M Palmer 7
15 0-001 VAIGLY ... Michell 5-10-7 —

5-2 Silva Linda, 7-2 Sir Kenwin, 5 Ronana Mia, 6 Sundial.

Windsor selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Epryana, 1.30 Rock Saint, 2.0 Janus, 2.30 Donegal Prince, 3.0 Silva Linda, 3.30 Gold Tycoon (if absent Oregon Trail).

3.30 TOUCHEN END HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,326: 2m 6f) (24)

1 p0/ FADING DAWN O Henley 8-12-7 W Worthington 7
3 -04-42 OREGON TRAIL D Arbuthnot 5-11-7 —
4 0-002 HAVON AIR J Spearing 7-11-7 —
5 4001 PELION J King 6-11-7 (5 ex) C Brown
6 -0040 CELTIC CRACKER R Hartop 7-11-5 A Webber
7 100-0 PARTY MISS (CD) W Fisher 10-11-4 —
8 12-44 CHELSEA MAID D Laing 6-11-3 —
9 0000 MISTER PITT (B) (D) T M Jones 8-11-2 —
10 2432- ROYALTY MISS A Neaves 6-11-1 —
12 /pp06 LE GRAN BRUN S Cole 7-10-11 —

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7-2 Le Levador, 9-2 Gold Tycoon, 5 Oregon Trail, 11-2 Pelion.

LEICESTER

GOING: Good to soft

12.45 HUMBERSTONE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,082: 2m) (20 runners)

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15 SHERALAM Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-3 G Bradley
19 00f STAY SHARP B Richmond 5-11-3 —
20 -pp09 THE GOVERNOR (B) J Jenkins 6-11-3 —
21 030 THE KRACK F Yardley 5-11-3 —
25 0044- WIGGBURN Mrs A Hewitt 6-11-3 —
26 CEDEES M Tompkins 5-10-12 S J O'Neill
27 4 ALCINOUS B Preece 4-10-5 —
28 6 BISHOP BRAY S Wiles 4-10-5 —
29 GIFTED GIFT K Morgan 4-10-5 —
31 00 HYPERION PRINCE W Wharton 4-10-5 M Brennan
32 300 POLYNOR M Ryan 4-10-5 J McLaughlin
33 STAR FORMULA P Pritchard 4-10-5 —
34 0 SULTAN ZAMAN G Huffer 4-10-5 W Morris 4
35 00 PRONUPTIA BRIDE D Dale 4-10-0 —

11-4 Cheeky Rupert, 7-2 Alcinous, 4 Sheralam, 13-2 Oryx Minor.

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12.45 Cheeky Rupert, 1.15 Against The Grain, 1.45 Derycan, 2.15 Rockfield oy, 2.45 Somay, 3.15 The Tariahs.

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2 1010 MARINERS DREAM (D) R Hollinshead 11-2 —
3 8 BASSETT BOY P Brookshaw 10-10 S J O'Neill
4 30 BATU A Hide 10-10 J Barlow
6 02 MALAKAND A Turnell 10-10 Steve Knight
7 13 NOHALMDUN (D) M H Easterby 10-10 —
8 pf POETIC JUSTICE M Chapman 10-10 P Liddle 7
9 2010 SHEPHERD'S HYMN (CD) T Bill 10-10 G Williams 7
10 1000 SOLITARIO (D) B Preece 10-10 —
12 0 FOLKLAND D Arbuthnot 10-5 —
13 0 HUMBERSIDE LADY G Huffer 10-5 R O'Leary
14 p20 INSET LADY (B) M Ryan 10-5 J McLaughlin
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1.45 FORD NOVICE CHASE (£2,276: 3m) (14)

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2.15 NEW YEAR NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£904: 2m) (8)

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2.45 GLEBE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,012: 3m) (13)

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3.15 HUMBERSTONE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,085: 2m) (24)

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2.0 DEEP WEALTH NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,916: 2m 1f) (18)

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2.30 EXETER COUNTIES BUILDING SOCIETY NOVICE CHASE (£1,816: 3m 1f) (15)

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3.0 UPTON PYNE NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£453: 2m 1f) (13)

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3.30 THORVERTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£913: 2m 1f) (18)

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BIRTHS

BALCOMBE. On December 24th at St Bartholomew's to Elizabeth (née Dan's) and Peter, a son David John, a brother for James.

CLARKE. - On 24 December, to Karen (nee Stanbury) and James, a daughter, a sister for Emily.

GLEESON, on December 27th to Rosalind and Dermot, a son.

MARTIN. - On December 15th to Denise (née Ellett) and Ian, a son, Adrian Jonathon Russell, a brother for Carleton and Alexander.

PALMER On 22nd November at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, to Patricia (nee Robertson) and Stewart, a son Simon Stewart.

PENNA. - On December 28, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon to Marina and Anthony, a son (Mark Charles), a brother for Alexandra and Christopher.

REID. - On 24th December at University Hospital, New York to Laura and Scott a daughter.

SMITH. - On December 19th to Jennifer (née Graham) and David, a daughter Nicola, sister for James and Emma.

WOOLWICH. - On December 26th, to Genevieve (nee Kissien) and Jeremy a son, Christian Michael. A bit late, but the best Christmas present we've ever had.

BIRTHDAYS

G. This was meant for Saturday. Lots of birthday greetings and just a bit of love B

DEATHS

ALEXANDER. - On December 21, 1984, suddenly at home Maisie Constance, beloved wife of Marc and much loved mother of Simon and Paul. Funeral service at Pinner Parish Church on Friday January 4, 1985, at 12.15 pm, followed by interment at Pinner New Cemetary. Flowers to T A Ellement & Son Ltd. Tel 01-866 0324

ANN, Lady Colman of Middleton Manor, Winterslow, Salisbury, Wilts, widow of Sir Nigel Colman, Bart. Funeral service Friday, January 4, 1.30pm, at All Saints' Church, Winterslow. Flowers to Howards of Escort Road Salisbury, or donations to Riding for the Disabled.

ARROWSMITH-BROWN - on December 27th at Foxdown, Perrymead, Bath in her 94th year, Aline, wife of the late J A Arrowsmith-Brown. Cremation at Haycombe crematorium, Bath at 2 pm on Thursday January 3rd. No flowers please, but donations to Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society can be sent to E. Hooper and Son 1 St James Parade, Bath.

BEAUSSIER - Professor Jean Charles Pierre of Paris. Aged 72 years. Suddenly in London on December 15th 1984 irreplaceable to family friends and colleagues all over the world.

BERK - On December 27, 1984, peacefully at Newark House Nursing Home, Rottingdean, Thomas Desmond Felix Berk, aged 73 years. Loved brother of Marjorie and Curtis. Cremation private, no letters, please.

BLACK On Thursday 27th December, at Ashley Park Nursing Home, West Clandon, William Rushton, "Bill", aged 91 years Lord Black, of Barrow in Furness. Dear Father Grandfather and great Grandfather. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Thursday 3rd Jan. at 11.30 family flowers only.

BURDETT. - On Boxing Day, 26th December 1984, at 12 Ailsa Rd. St Margaret's, Twickenham, the home of her daughter Dulce Laurence Elizabeth Agnes, in her 99th year, widow of Horace Clive Burdett, loving mother of Dulce, Stella and Angela and proud grandmother. Funeral private.

CARSS. - On December 27th at home, Commander I M Carss, D S.C. Royal Navy, aged 79. Beloved and very loving husband of Nan, devoted father of Richard and Penelope and grandfather. Service at Porchester Crematorium on Thursday, January 3rd at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to RNLI, Poole.

CHANCE. - On 28th December in London, Ivan Oswald Chance.

COOK. - On 25th December, peacefully, in Zimbabwe, Leslie Colin Cook, OBE, MD, FRC Psych, aged 84 years of Wiston Mill, Nayland, Colchester, Essex. Husband of the late Barbara, father of Colin, the late Peter and Michael. Memorial service and interment will be held at Wiston Church, Nayland, Colchester at 11.30 am on Saturday 26th January, 1985. Flowers to W. H. Shephard, Funeral Directors, Colchester or donations if desired to Mental Health Foundation, 8 Hallam Street, London W1H 6DH.

DE BOEHMLER on December 22nd in Philadelphia USA after a long illness born with great courage, Nyron Martin De Boehmler aged 42 years. Late of Trinidad and Kings Lynn, Norfolk. Beloved husband of June and father of Claire, son of Winifred and the late Martin De Boehmler. He was director of Corporate Development Campbell Sons Company. The funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, North Elmham, Norfolk on Wednesday January 2nd at 1pm. All flowers and enquiries please to H H Aldiss Ltd. Funeral Directors, Dereham. Telephone Dereham 4020.

DRIVER - On December 27th 1984, Andrew John aged 21 years, beloved son of William and Christine, loving brother of Alison of 81 Wood Street, Geddington. Funeral service at the Albert Munn Chapel Kettering Crematorium on Friday, January 4th at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please. Further enquiries to H J Phillips & Son, Funeral Directors, Ltd 25 Princes Street, Kettering.

DURNFORD-SLATER, Lady. Mary Alice Hilleary (Sally) nee Gregson - 75 years of age, on December 23rd in Liphook, Hampshire. Beloved widow of Robin and mother of David and Diana. Funeral service to be held on January 2nd, 1985 at 2 pm at St Luke's Church Milland (just off the A3) to be followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only.

FLIND - On 23rd December 1984 in his 87th yr after a short illness, James Flind M.D F R C Psych. of 38 Kenilworth Court, Lower Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 lately of 38 Devonshire Place W1. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Christopher & Anthony, father in law of Jane & Susan, grandfather of Sarah, Simon, Vicky, Alasdair, Katy & Andrew. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church West Hill SW15 on Friday 4th January at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at Putney Vale at 12 noon. Family flowers only by 10 am to Mathias 215 Upper Richmond Road, SW15. Donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund.

FROM. On December 23rd, 1984 aged 87, suddenly at his home, Dr Anatol Jan From, after a long illness, bravely borne. Beloved husband of Genia, father and father in law of Andrew, Felix, Elise and Vera, much loved grandfather of Claire, Edward, Yvonne, Jeffrey and William. Funeral private.

HANSON nee Buckley, on December 26th 1984, Hazel, the dearly loved wife of Derrick, step-mother of Heather, Rosemary and Peter, and sister of Geoffrey and Annette. Service at St Peters Church, Formby, on Monday 31st December at 11am, followed by cremation at Southport at 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries to Dean Brothers, 76 Gores Lane, Formby. Tel. Formby 72023.

INGRAM. - On 27th December, 1984, suddenly, at home in Alresford, Guy, beloved companion of Monica Griffin for 30 years and father of Rurik. Funeral service at St John's Church, New Alresford, on Wednesday, January 2nd at 3pm.

KING on December 28th 1984. Peacefully at her daughters home in Oxfordshire, Daphne beloved wife of the late Richard King. Cremation at Guildford, Wednesday, January 2nd, at 10.30 am. Any flowers to Kiddalton, Bramley.

LEVINGE - On 27th December Sir Richard Vere Henry Levinge, 11th Baronet MBE in his 73rd year. Suddenly in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital following a stroke. Beloved husband of Jane, step father of Sally and father of Anne, Susan, Richard, Michael and Mary. Cremation private followed by funeral service at Itchen Abbas Parish Church on Thursday 3rd January at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Steel and Son, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, Hampshire. A service of thanksgiving will be held on a date to be announced later.

MASSEY. On December 26th peacefully in Macclesfield Hospital, Lady Jessica Massey, much beloved wife of the late Sir Harrie Massey F.R.S. Also beloved by her daughter Pamela and her granddaughters Fiona and Penelope who give sincere thanks to those many good friends who gave comfort in her widowhood. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Long Ditton on Friday 4th January at 9.30 am. Followed by burial at Long Ditton Lawn. Flowers, if desired, to F. W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey.

McCOWAN. - Fuller, suddenly in Pittsburgh U.S.A. on December 27th 1984; formerly head of International Public Affairs, Gulf Oil Corporation. Sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him. Private funeral arrangements have already taken place.

NEARY. - On 23rd of December, peacefully, Dora Eileen Fuller Neary, of Poynings, Sussex, daughter of the late Major Stephen Neary, 44th Essex Regiment. Funeral, Poynings Church, 1.30pm, Wednesday, 2nd January. Cremation private. Flowers to Davey, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

DEATHS

MORGAN. - On December 27th at Canterbury, Lily, aged 97, widow of W. E. Morgan, Prebendary of Wells Cathedral.

RENNIE - On December 28th in hospital in Johannesburg, Robert Gordon Rennie, beloved husband of Elizabeth, son of the late Captain J L Rennie and Mrs Geraldine Rennie. Father and Grandfather. Donations if wished to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Memorial Service later in London.

STOTT On December 25th at St George's Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, Brigadier R E H Stott CBE, late the Sherwood Foresters, aged 86, dearly beloved husband of Mollie. Funeral private.

WILSON. - Suddenly at Stoke Mandeville Hospital on Friday 28th December 1984, George Donnelly Wilson of Princes Risborough, Bucks. Beloved husband of Alice, and much loved father of Carol and Sandra, and grandfather of Shiona. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

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In the High Court of Justice.
Chancery Division.
In the matter of AMEV LIMITED and in the matter of the Companies Act 1948
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Dated this 28th day of December 1984.
ALLEN & OVERY
9 Cheapside
London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the above named Company

No 006589 of 1984
In the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, in the matter of the HAWLEY GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY and in the matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated the 17th day of December, 1984, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £32,520,000 to £12,141,986.75 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 21st December 1984.
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RE: BOZ INTERNATIONAL LTD
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Dated this 18th day of December 1984.
R A SEGAL,
Liquidator.

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MONDAY

BBC 1 Wales: 1.50 am-1.55 News and weather. Scotland: 10.50 pm-11.40 Scotch and Wry. 11.40-12.40 am Live into '85. (BBC-1 takes the programme until 12.10 am): 12.40-12.45 Prologue. 12.45-2.25 Film: Singin' in the Rain (1952) (Gene Kelly). 2.25-2.30 Weather. Northern Ireland: 1.50 am-1.55 News and weather.

S4C Starts 1.45 pm Mali a Maldwyn. 1.55 Sebastian Coe. 2.55 Fourteen Hours (Grace Kelly). Documentary drama. 4.40 Silents Please. 5.05 Dag Draed. 5.20 Ysgoloriaeth. 5.50 Panache. 6.50 Newyddion. 7.00 Eleal. 8.00 Glenn Miller. 9.30 Tra Bo Dau. 10.00 Y Bwystfil. 11.45 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 12.25 am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25 am-10.25 Little House on the Prairie. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Sing in the Year. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Jan and Steve. 11.35 Film: California Kid. 12.50 am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.30 About Anglia. 12.30 am Into the New Year. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.30 Scottish News and Scotland Today. 12.35 am Late Call. 12.40 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 6.30 Good Evening ulster. 12.35am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing. 6.00-6.30 North Tonight. 12.35am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.30 Lookaround. 12.35am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.30 Today South West. 11.35 Film: California Kid (Vic Morrow). 12.50am Postscript. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 6.00-6.30 Northern Life. 12.30am Message for New Year. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-7.00 Calendar. 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.30 News. 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Puff and the Incredible Mr Nobody. 9.50 Story of the Christmas Godes. 10.00-10.25 Falcon Island. 1.20pm Film: Incredible Shrinking Women. 2.55-3.05 How Beautiful is Panama. 6.00-6.30 Comedians. 12.35am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 6.00-6.30 Granada Reports. 12.35am Closedown.

MONDAY WORLD SERVICE
6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Nineteen Eighty-Four. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Peebles' Choice. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Science in Action. 10.30 Music Now. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Gemini to Jo'burg. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Just a Minute. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 The Globe Reborn. 2.00 News Summary. 2.01 Outlook's Review of the Year. 2.45 Not So Much A Hobby. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Plato to Nato. 3.45 The Art of Gerald Moore. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Putting Politics in it's Place. 4.30 Sweet Soul Music. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 Jazz Score. 7.00 World News. 7.15 Gemini to Jo'burg. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Interlude. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Sweet Soul Music. 11.30 Watchnight Meditation. 12.00 Chime and Full Strike of Big Ben. 12.01 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Sarah and Company. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook's Review of the Year. 1.45 Juke Box Jury. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Commentary. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sporting Highlights of 1984. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 The Classical Guitar. 5.45 The World Today
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TUESDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-5.20 Wales Today. 1.25am-1.30 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 8.40pm-9.30 Celebrity Superscot. 9.30-10.00 Only Fools and Horses. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.15pm-5.20 Northern Ireland news. 1.25am-1.30 News and weather.

S4C Starts 1.45 pm Ffalabalam. 2.05 Citizen 2000. 3.00 The Time Machine (Rod Taylor). 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.05 Bildowcar. 5.35 Project UFO. 6.30 Silents please. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.10 Larwm. 7.40 Does unman yn debyg... 8.10 Caryl. 8.40 Yr Ymwelydd. 9.30 Fingertip Phenomenon. 10.25 Film: Phantom of the Opera. (Nelson Eddy). 11.45 Venice in the East. 12.45 am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25 am Little House on the Prairie. 10.25-12.00 Film: Battle Beneath the Earth. 1.45 pm-2.40 Fall Guy. 5.15 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 12.30 am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30 am Tuesday Topic, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30 am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.45pm Flinstone Special. 2.10 A Highland Summer. 2.35 Elizabeth of Glamis: Tribute to the Queen Mother. 3.30-4.30 Scotsport 1984 roundup. 12.30 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25am Vicky the Viking. 10.45 Good News for Ne'erday. 11.00-12.00 Glen Michael's new year calvalcade. 1.45pm Grampian Hogmanay Ceilidh. 2.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 3.30-4.30 Scotsport review of 1984. 12.30 Late Call, Closedown.

BORDER No variation.

TSW As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Battle beneath the Earth (Kerwin Mathews). 1.45pm-2.40 Fall Guy. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

HTV WEST No variation on HTV West or Wales.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Clowns. 9.50 Bella. 10.00-10.25 Falcon Island. 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA No variation.

YORKSHIRE No variation.

ULSTER No variation.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30am Mission England. 12.35 Closedown.

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6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sweet Soul Music. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Art of Gerald Moore. 8.30 The Globe Reborn. 9.00 World News. 9.09 News About Britain. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Interlude. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Discovery. 10.30 Wives And Daughters. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter From London. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 [illegible]. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Behind the Universe. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 6.00 World News. 6.15 Concert Hall. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Interlude. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Handel in London. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.45 Report On Religion. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Handel in London. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 The World Today.
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Television and radio programmes
Summaries: Peter Dear, Peter Davalle

New Year's Eve

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.45 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus exercises with the Green Goddess. The guest is Paul Shane.
9.00 Charlie Brown. Cartoon series (r). 9.25 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r). 9.45 Why Don't You ...?
10.10 Jackanory. Jan Francis reads part one of Peter Pan (r). 10.25 Paddington in the Hot Seat (r). 10.30 Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft. 10.50 Postman Pat (r). 11.05 Tarzan and the Silts. Animated version.
11.25 Bonanza. Ben Cartwright encounters a crooked land developer (r). 12.15 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. A Hanna-Barbera cartoon series.
12.40 Midday News with Moira Stuart. 12.50 Kung Fu. Martial arts adventures.
1.40 Film: Heavens Above!* (1963) starring Peter Sellers and Cecil Parker. Comedy about a brash northern vicar who is posted to a parish in the Home Counties. Directed by John Boulting.
3.35 Film: I'm All Right Jack* (1959) starring Peter Sellers and Ian Carmichael. Them and us comedy about a blinkered shop steward and his brushes with incompetent management. Directed by John Boulting.
5.15 Blue Peter Review of the Year (Ceefax).
5.45 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman (Ceefax).
6.15 News with Moira Stuart.
6.25 Film: Treasure of the Yankee Zephyr (1981) starring Donald Pleasance. First showing on British television for this film about a cache of gold bullion found in the wreck of a 'plane and the efforts of "the mob" to get their sticky fingers into the action. Directed by David Hemmings (Ceefax).
8.00 Ernie Wise introduces the Morecambe and Wise Classics. Highlights from the comedians' best BBC shows.
9.00 News with Moira Stuart.
9.15 Give Us a Break starring Robert Lindsay. Mickey Noades is still earning a precarious living from managing young snooker star Mo Morris. He arranges a game in Liverpool for Mo, unaware that London villains are on his tail demanding the £1,000 they say Mickey owes them (Ceefax).
10.50 Halls of Fame. Variety show, introduced by Roy Hudd from His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen.
11.40 Live into '85 with Tom O'Connor at the Gleneagles Hotel.
12.10 Film: Singin' in the Rain (1952) starring Gene Kelly. Classic musical about life in Hollywood during the 1920s. Directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen (Ceefax).
1.50 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guests, Joan Morecambe and Geraldine James from 8.45; exercises at 6.50 and 8.50; Derek Jameson at 7.15; financial advice at 8.40; Roland Rat from 9.02.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: Great Expectations (1981). A made-for-television animated version of the Charles Dickens classic.
11.35 Film: Mystery Island (1981). Four children are shipwrecked off the Queensland coast and become involved in a drama while waiting to be rescued. Directed by Gene Scott.
1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Film: The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981), starring Lily Tomlin. Lighthearted story about a normal, healthy housewife and mother who suddenly begins to shrink. Directed by Joel Schumacher.
3.05 Take Over, presented by Brough Scott. Four contestants are joined by Sozanne Danielle, Sally James, Peter Davison and Derek Thompson, and then attempt a number of tests involving a simulator.
3.55 Play: Chocky, by John Wyndham. A compilation of the serial shown earlier in the year about a 12-year-old boy who has a character called Chocky inside his head.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.
6.30 Whose Baby? Presented by Bernie Winters. Kenneth Williams, Nanette Newman and Roy Kinnear try to discover the famous parent or parents of a succession of young children.
7.00 The Krypton Factor International Special. Gordon Burns introduces four quiz show winners from around the world. From Cheltenham, the current Krypton Factor champion, Paul Smith; from Sydney, Lee Tanabe; from Auckland, Brian McDonnell; and from Atlanta, Thom McKee (Oracle).
7.30 Coronation Street. Bet Lynch is banking on her feminine charm to win the race for the Rovers' management (Oracle).
8.00 Freddie Starr at the Royalty with guests comedian Lon Satton, magician Wayne Dobson and singer Shirley Bassey (Oracle).
8.45 Film: The Last Days of Pompeii (1984). Part two of the made-for-television drama which began last night, about the lives of the city's citizens immediately before they are killed by the erupting Vesuvius.
10.15 News.
10.30 Film: The Last Days of Pompeii continued.
11.30 The Hogmanay Show presented by Andy Cameron. With guests Kenneth McKellar, Linda Esther Gray, The Corries, Hector Nicol, Kenny Smiles, Stutz Bear Cats and Gene Fitzpatrick.
12.35 Close.


Helena Bonham-Carter as Netty and Jo Searby as Tom in K. M. Peyton's ghost story A Pattern of Roses (Channel 4, 6.00 pm.)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
12.45 Racing from Newbury. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of the Hungerford Handicap Steeplechase (1.00); the Tote Mandarin Handicap Steeplechase (1.30); the Ramsbury Hurdle (2.00); and the Wantage Novices' Steeplechase (2.30).
2.45 International Basketball. The semi-finals of the Philips World Invitational Club Championships from Crystal Palace.
4.15 The Real Good Life, presented by Dennis Skillicorn. The story of foreman painter and decorator Les Edwards and his wife Sue who gave up the rat race eight years ago to buy a smallholding in Dorset.
4.45 Telly Quiz.
5.15 Film: The Circus* (1928) starring Charlie Chaplin. Chaplin won an Oscar for this film in which, as The Tramp, he finds work in a circus and causes chaos for all and sundry. Written, produced and directed by Charlie Chaplin.
6.25 Bilko on Parade*. A tribute to the character that Phil Silvers made his own, presented by Kenneth Williams, with excerpts from the best of a superb comedy series.
6.55 My Music. A test of musical knowledge.
7.25 Global Report, written and presented by Peter Adamson. Four stories concerning man's basic needs – food, health, education and employment – filmed in India, Brazil, Zimbabwe and Yorkshire. From India a fisherman tells his own story; from Brazil a young woman is sent home with her fourth child less than 24 hours after the baby was born; in Zimbabwe a mother watches as her daughter goes to school; from Selby a miner explains why he is committed to the miners' strike although his pit is not threatened.
9.00 Film: Day for Night (1973) starring Jacqueline Bisset, Jean-Pierre Aumont and Valentina Cortese. Drama, in French with English subtitles, about the behind the scenes struggle to make a film. Directed by Francois Truffaut.
10.50 84 Whistle Test 85 beginning with Nik Kershaw; then, at 11.30 Big Country; from 12.10 Pick of the Year. Highlights from last year's Whistle Test and Sight and Sound programmes. Ends at 1.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Paralympics 1984. Highlights from the VII World Wheelchair Olympics held at Stoke Mandeville (r).
3.30 The Last Sailors. The first of three programmes about men who go to sea under sail to make a living. This afternoon's film shows the old sailing boats of the Nile; a Bangladesh Sampan; and the sailing craft of the Maldives and Bolivia (r).
4.25 The World of Animation.
4.40 Setbacks. The first of four programmes first shown on Thames Television's Help! series which cleverly informed the viewer about welfare rights and benefits through stories about the Setbacks, a homeless and jobless family.
5.00 Citizen 2000. The third annual discussion between the parents of the programme's children and they reflect on the widely different chances in life which the various children have and also on the joys and pains of living with a two-year-old.
6.00 Play: A Pattern of Roses, adapted by Joy Whitby from the novel by K. M. Peyton. A gostly tale of Tim Ingram who, in the 1980s, goes to live in a cottage where Tom Inskip died 70 years before (r).
7.25 News summary and weather.
7.30 The Optimist. The first of a new series in six parts to be screened on consecutive nights. Enn Reitel stars in the title role, a man whose dreams are played out in real life but never end up the way they should.
8.00 Brookside. Terry is upset when Michelle tells him about the wonderful night out she had with the nurses.
8.30 Culture Club in Japan. A repeat showing of the programme first shown on The Midsummer Night's Tube.
9.00 A Century of Stars. The story of the Grand Order of Water Rats, a show business charity organization that has raised millions of pounds since it was founded in 1889 by a group of professional entertainers.
10.30 Another Audience with Dame Edna Everage, introduced by Sir Les Patterson.
11.30 Julia Live for '85. The American opera star Julia Migenes Johnson sings into the New Year a selection of songs from operetta, classical and musical show favourites.
12.30 Closedown.

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Radio 4

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week On 4.
8.43 Far Away and Long Ago. "A History of My Early Life" by W. H. Hudson (1) Reader: Ian Holm. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Funny You Should Sing That. Jeremy Nicholas on 100 years of comic song-writing. The voices include those of Gracie Fields, Victoria Wood, George Formby, Arthur Askey, and Benny Hill.
10.00 News; Money Box (r).
10.30 Morning Story: "The Goblins Who Stole a Sexton" from The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens. Read by Charlie Chester.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; The Year Ahead: A Radio News special (r).
11.48 Poetry Please! The presenter: Alan Brownjohn. The readers: Peter Jeffery and Bonnie Hurren.
12.00 News; You and Yours. International Consumer Quiz Round 1: Northern Ireland v Scotland.
12.27 Anything Legal: "A Tale of Two City Gents" by Wally K. Daly.† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a review of 1984, and part one of Virginia Woolf's Flush, read by Penelope Keith.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: The Happiest Woman, by M J Read. With Mary Morris, Hannah Gordon, Elizabeth Proud, Martyn Read. A woman writer becomes a part of a passionate triangular relationship.†
4.30 Weigh-in. The slimming club of the year, where balanced, healthy eating is concentrated upon. With David Ponting.
4.40 Story Time: Just So stories by Kipling. (1): "The Elephant Child" read by David Davis.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News.
6.30 News Quiz of the Year. With Simon Hoggart, Alan Coren, John Wells, Anne Leslie, Gillian Reynolds, Oliver Pritchett and David Taylor (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Time Before This. Captain Richard Meyrick talks about the superb collection of instruments for the measurement of time of which he is curator in Bury St. Edmunds.†
7.45 Science Now. With Colin Tudge.
8.15 The Monday Play "Miss Julie" by August Strindberg. With Janet Maw, David Rintoul and Terry Cavers.†
9.25 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan presents highlights from the past year's programmes.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "Empire of the Sun" by J. G. Ballard, abridged in 15 episodes (1). Read by Kenneth Haigh.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Persona Grata. Roy Plomley talks about three of his favourite humorous characters from fiction.
11.45 Ring Out The Old: Ring In The New. A meditation on the passing of time by The Rt. Rev John Taylor.†
12.00 Big Ben: News; Weather (followed by an interlude). 12.33am shipping.
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Nicolai's overture Merry Wives of Windsor; Ravel's Pavane pour une infante defunte (Bream/Williams, guitars); Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Sapin (Ciccolini, piano and RPO); Ginastera's ballet suite Estancia.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Handel's Concerto Grosso in F Op 6 No 2; Morley's Fyer, Fyer (Pro Cantione Antiqua); Mozart's (transcribed Busoni) Fantasy for a Musical Clock (played by Ursula Oppens and Paul Jacobs, pianos); Alessandro Scarlatti's Sinfonia No 2 in D (Bennett/Soustrot); Weber's Konzertstuck in F minor Op 79 (Brendel, pinao)† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven. Violin Sonata in A minor Op 23 (Perlman/Ashkenazy); Quintet in C Op 29 (Guarneri Quartet).†
10.00 Chopin Ballades: Frank Wibaut plays No 1 in G minor Op 23; No 2 in F, Op 38; No 3 in A flat Op 47; No 4 in F minor Op 52.†
10.35 Hindemith and Tippett: Hindemith's ballet suite Nobilissima Visione, 1938; And Tippett's Concerto for double string orchestra.†
11.25 Lieder Recital: Edith Weins (soprano) with Roger Vignoles, piano, in works by Schubert, Strauss, Brahms, Hindemith.†
12.05 BBC Scottish SO (conductor Seaman). Mozart's overture The Magic Flute; Frank Bridge's Summer; Glazunov's ballet The Seasons.† 1.00 News.
1.05 The Octave of the Nativity: Reconstruction of the Pontifical High Mass of St Sylvester as performed in the Sistine Chapel in 1613. With William Byrd Choir.†
2.00 Music Weekly: Sunday's programme repeated. The regular contributors look back on 1984 (r).†
3.00 New Records: Schubert's Symphony No 5 in B flat (North German RSO); Reicha's Oboe Quintet in F (Francis/Allegri); Mozart's Rondo in A minor, K 511 (Uchida, piano); Schubert's Die Rose (Popp/Gage); Beethoven's Symphony No 8 (Northern Sinfonia of England).† 4.55 News.
5.00 Der Rosenkavalier: Strauss's opera, sung in German. The 1984 Salzburg Festival production. Herbert van Karajan conducts the Vienna State Opera Chorus and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Cast includes Timowa-Sintow; Baltsa, Moll, Hornik; Perry, Lipp; Zednik.† Act one.
6.15 Take Care of Your Books: Morton Cohen on the English world's first great book collector, Richard de Bury.
6.35 Der Rosenkavalier: the second act.†
7.35 The Poetry of Thomas Campion: read by Ronald Pickup and Jill Balcon. Narrated by Patrick Dickinson.
7.55 Der Rosenkavalier: the third act.†
8.15 Flute Quintets by Romberg and Ries: William Bennett (flute) with members of the Allegri String Quartet. Andreas Romberg's No 4 Op 21; and Ferdinand Ries's in B minor Op 107.†
10.00 One Arm; Tom Hunsinger reads the story by Tennessee Williams.
10.35 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (under Von Karajan). Schubert's Symphony No 8; Rossini's overture William Tell; Smetana's Vltava (Ma Vlast); Sibelius's Valse Triste; Josef Strauss's waltz Delirien; Johann Strauss's overture The Gypsy Baron.†
11.57 News.
12.00 Big Ben rings in a welcome to the New Year. Ends at 12.05.
Medium wave only: 7.00am to 11.00am Cricket: The Third Test between India and England in Calcutta. First day's play.

Radio 2

4.00am David Yarnall including 5.02 Cricket. 5.30 Bill Rennells including 6.02 Cricket. 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Colin Berry including 8.31 Racing. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02 Cricket. 10.00 Jimmy Young including 12.00pm Steve Jones including 12.02 Cricket. 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 John Craven including 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the way. 4.00 David Hamilton's Music Show including 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf) only. 8.00 Alan Dell(s). 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton. 9.55 Sports Desk.

10.00 Cinema Scrapbook (4): 1937. Includes scenes from Lost Horizon, The Prisoner of Zenda, Camille. 10.30 Star Sound. Nick Jackson with soundtrack requests. 11.00 Ray Moore celebrates the New Year with music, including at 12 midnight Big Ben. 1.00am Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2.

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat. 12.45 All Right on the Show? with Steve Wright. 3.00 Bruno Brookes. 5.30 Newsbeat 1984 with Frank Partridge. 7.00 Janice Long. 10.00-2.00am Adrian Juste's New Year Party. VHF RADIOS 1 & 2: 4.00am with Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 2.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

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New Year's Day

BBC 1

8.00 Ceefax.
9.00 The New Misadventures of Ichabod Crane. It is Halloween night in the village of Sleepy Hollow and a loud, eerie, shriek breaks the silence. It is the wicked witch out to upset the villagers by transforming herself into a headless horseman. Into action to save the situation is the brave Ichabod Crane, with his horse and dog and old Rip Van Winkle (r).
9.25 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r). 9.45 Why Don't You ..? Entertaining ideas from children in Bristol. 10.10 Jackanory. Jan Francis reads part two of Peter Pan (r). 10.25 Paddington (r). 10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan. 10.50 Cartoon. Tom and Jerry in Solid Serenade.
11.00 The Edinburgh Military Tattoo of 1984. Highlights of the occasion including the Royal Artillery Gymnastic display and the massed pipes and drums (r). 12.12 Weather.
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 12.20 Football focus with Bob Wilson; 12.40, 1.15, 1.50 and 2.25 Racing from Cheltenham; 12.55 News; 1.00 Sports Round-up; 1.30 Ski Jumping from West Germany; 2.15 and 2.40 Basketball: the Philips World Invitational Club Championship. The finals of the men's and women's competitions; 4.10 Motor Racing. Murray Walker with highlights of the Formula One season; 4.40 Final score.
5.05 News with Richard Whitmore. 5.15 Sport/Regional news.
5.20 Disney Time. Excerpts from a host of Walt Disney cartoons.
6.10 Film: The Guns of Navarone (1961) starring Gregory Peck, David Niven, Anthony Quinn, Stanley Baker and Anthony Quayle. Second World War drama about a small team of commandos who have been ordered to destroy German guns hidden deep in the cliffs of a Greek island. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (Ceefax).
8.40 Only Fools and Horses. Comedy starring David Jason as the flash Del, a south London entrepreneur with aspirations of breaking into the big time. With Nicholas Lyndhurst as his brother, Rodney, and the late Lennard Pearce as Grandad (r) (Ceefax).
9.10 Cagney and Lacey. Another case for the vociferous pair of New York policewomen, stationed in the rough, tough, 14th Precinct. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly.
10.00 News with Richard Whitmore.
10.15 Play: Absurd Person Singular, Alan Ayckbourn. A sharp comedy set in three kitchens on three successive Christmas Eves, that observes the changing relationships of six people to each other. Starring Maureen Lipman and Nicky Henson as one couple; Geoffrey Palmer and Prunella Scales as the second couple; and Michael Gambon and Cheryl Campbell as the third. Directed by Michael Simpson.
12.20 Film: Duck Soup* (1933), starring the Marx Brothers. Madcap story with Groucho playing the role of Rufus T Firefly who is hired by the extremely small republic of Freedonia to be a dictator when the country is threatened by a revolution. Directed by Leo McCarey.
1.25 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.22 and 8.50; news review of 1984 from 6.33; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; film reviews at 8.40; cooking at 8.44; and Roland Rat at 9.02.

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9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: The Four Feathers (1978) starring Robert Powell and Beau Bridges. A.E.W. Mason's classic story about one man's attempts to redeem his honour after an act of cowardice leaves him disowned by his father, friends and fiancée. Directed by Don Sharp.
2.00 Gymnastics '84. Steve Rider presents highlights from the best of the action in 1984. The commentators are John Taylor and Monica Phelps.
1.00 News. 1.05 And Finally ... Martyn Lewis presents a selection of tailpieces from ITN's News at Ten. These sometimes hilarious news items include the world's strangest cure for baldness and the bulldog who had a face lift.
1.45 Knight Rider. The wonder car, KITT, becomes involved in a stunt show.
2.40 Film: Little Miss Marker (1980) starring Walter Matthau, Julie Andrews and Tony Curtis. Damon Runyon's tale of a New York bookmaker in the Thirties who is left with a young girl when her father hands her over as collateral. Directed by Walter Bernstein.
4.30 Name That Tune. Fast moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.
5.00 News.
5.15 Crossroads. J. Henry Pollard receives information that leads him to believe that Douglas Brady will not be marrying his daughter.
5.45 Give Us a Clue. Lionel Blair's team in this week's edition of the celebrity mime game is Bruce Forsyth, Wayne Sleep and Bernie Winters. On Una Stubbs' side are Julia McKenzie, Nicola Pagett and Julie Walters (Oracle.
6.30 Film: Dr No (1962) starring Sean Connery in his first James Bond role. The secret agent is sent to Jamaica to investigate the mysterious death of a fellow agent and uncovers a plot involving the mysterious Dr No and Cape Canaveral. Directed by Terence Young (Oracle).
8.30 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews surprises another unsuspecting victim.
9.15 Minder: Hypnotising Rita. Terry comes to the rescue when Arthur acquires a cleaning business as payment for a debt (Oracle).
10.15 News
10.30 First Tuesday, presented by Jonathan Dimbleby. The Longwood Thump explores the esoteric world of Morris dancing; The Last Voyage of the Arctic Raider investigates the decline of the fishing industry.
11.30 Peggy Lee and Roberta Flack in Concert Live at City Hall. The two singers are joined in Sheffield City Hall by a galaxy of guests who include Buddy Greco, Astrud Gilberto, Garry Mulligan and Brook Benton.
12.30 Night Thoughts.

Robert de Niro and Meryl Streep in the British TV premiere of Michael Cimino's film The Deer Hunter (BBC 2, 9.10pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
11.00 The Red Arrows: Classic Manoeuvres. A documentary about the celebrated Royal Air Force aerobatic display team's 24-day tour of the United States during the American Bicentennial celebrations.
11.40 Color Rhapsody.
11.50 Film: National Velvet (1944) starring Elizabeth Taylor as the young Velvet Brown who wins a hunter in a raffle and decides, with the help of her friend, Mi Taylor (Mickey Rooney), to train the beast into a champion steeplechaser. Directed by Clarence Brown.
1.50 Harold Lloyd in Luke's Movie Muddle. The first film in a short season of rarely seen movies starring Lloyd in his first solo comic creation, Lonesome Luke.
2.00 Holiday Time. The first of a new series for the young.
2.45 Film: Mogambo (1953) starring Clark Gable, Ava Gardner and Grace Kelly. Safari caper with Gable as the celebrated hunter, Vic Marswell, taken aback when his Kenyan safari is joined by a flamboyant American showgirl. Directed by John Ford.
4.40 Telly Quiz presented by Jerry Stevens.
5.10 The Royal Institution's Christmas Lectures. Dr Walter Bodmer, director of Research, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, with the first of six lectures entitled The Message of the Genes.
6.10 Film: Modern Times* (1936) starring Charlie Chaplin as a production worker in an automated factory. With Paulette Goddard. Written, produced and directed by Charlie Chaplin.
7.35 New Year in Vienna. The traditional New Year's Day concert from the Grosser Musikvereinssaal, marking the start of European Music Year. Music by the Strauss family is played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Lorin Maazel. Also appearing are the Ballet of the Vienna State Opera.
8.40 Meryl Streep at the National Film Theatre. The beautiful and talented actress discusses with Iain Johnstone some of the roles that have taken her to the top of the acting tree (r).
9.10 Film: The Deer Hunter(1978) starring Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken and Meryl Streep. The dramatic story of the effect the Vietnam war has on three friends. The first showing on British television for a film that won five Academy Awards. Directed by Michael Cimino (Ceefax). Ends at 12.10.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: State Fair (1945) starring Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews and Dick Haymes. Rogers and Hammerstein musical, set at the Iowa farm of the Frake family, all of whom are busily preparing for the Iowa State Fair. Directed by Walter Lang.
4.20 World of Animation. Cartoons from round the world.
4.30 The Last Sailors. The second programme in the three-film series about sailing ships that still earn a living for their crews features craft from Chile, Brazil, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
5.30 Setbacks. The second programme for people who are out of work.
5.45 The Last Cathedral. Part one of a three-programme documentary by Gillian Reynolds about the controversy surrounding the building of a massive granite cathedral in New York's Harlem. It was designed to be the biggest Protestant church in the world but work was uncompleted for years leading to the building being nicknamed "St John the Unfinished".
6.15 Before the Nickelodeon. Blanche Sweet, a star of the silent screen, narrates this tribute to the pioneers of the movie industry who worked in the medium at the turn of the century.
7.25 News summary and weather.
7.30 The Optimist, starring Enn Reitel. In the evening's comic tale the Optimist joins a stable, meets a beautiful girl and trains a champion racehorse.
8.00 Brookside. Terry breaks out of his plaster and tries to pick up the pieces of his romance with Michelle.
8.30 It was 20 Years Ago Today. Three classic programmes from the mid-Sixties beginning with The Worker* starring Charlie Drake as one of life's losers, tonight finding the lure of a betting shop irresistible.
9.10 Beat City*. Dan Farson, the fearlesss investigative reporter, makes for Liverpool's Cavern Club.
9.55 The Power Game*. Boardroom drama series starring Patrick Wymark. The retired but restless Sir John Wilder finds a challenge to his liking when the merchant bank of which he is a director takes over a construction company.
10.50 B-25 "Mitchells do fly in IMC". A documentary about the giant of the air – the B-25 bomber. This film, by Anthony Howarth and Carolyn Hicks, tells the nail-biting story of the first flight across the Atlantic by the bomber since 1944 (r).
12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing Weather. 6.10 Music on Record Polkas and waltzes by the Strauss family.† 6.25 Prayer
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Far Away and Long Ago. 'A History of My Early Life' by W. H. Hudson (2). Read by Ian Holm. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Look ahead to 1985 with Sue MacGregor in the chair.
10.00 News; Golden Boat for a Sea God. Sam Hanna Bell tells the story of the struggle for possession of the Broighter hoard between the British Museum and the Royal Irish Academy.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Grand Finale' by S. W. Lewis. Read by John Shedden.
10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 25).†
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre 'Happy Birthday, Darling' – a comedy by Alan Melville. With Rachel Kempson, and Richard Vernon.†
11.33 Wildlife.
12.00 News; You and Yours. International Consumer quiz (Round 2): England v Wales.
12.27 My Word! A panel game with questionmaster Michael O'Donnell. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. A history of women in rock, presented by Sally Feldman. And episode 2 of Flush, read by Penelope Keith.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: A Sense of Purpose, by Steve Fitzpatrick. With John Rowe and Michael Deeks.†
4.00 News; The Grass is Turning Blue at Edale. Malcolm Stent sets out to discover the cause of this strange discoloration.
4.40 Story Time: 'Just So' stories by Rudyard Kipling. (2): The Beginning of the Armadilloes. Read by David Davis.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News.
6.30 Anything Legal 'A Tale of Two City Gents' by Wally K. Daly.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Downhill All The Way. Michael Smee chronicles the evolution of a prosaic, strenuous means of crossing snow-covered mountains into a world-wide leisure pursuit and an Olympic sport – downhill skiing.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medical care.
8.30 Crisis in Education. First of four programmes about British education in the 1980s. With Professor Ted Wragg, of the Univesity of Exeter. Today's topic: pupils' rights, school discipline, and parent participation.
9.00 In Touch. News, views and information for people with a visual handicap.
9.30 Good Books ... Kingsley Amis chooses a book by G. K. Chesterton. It is The Man who Was Thursday. The programme presenter is Frank Delaney.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a report on the making of the film A Passage to India.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Empire of the Sun' by J.G. Ballard (2). Read by Kenneth Haigh
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 Any Sporting Questions 1984. With Sebastian Coe and Jenny Pitman.
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Weinberger's Polka and Fugue; Grainger's Fantasy on Gershwin's Porgy and Bess (the Labeques, piano); Weill's Buddy on the Nightshift; Respighi's Brazilian Impressions. 8.00 News.
8.05 Bach Cantatas: the Canatata 190; Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied; Sonata in B minor for violin and harpsichord, BWV 1014; In A for flute and harpsichord, BWV 1032 and Buxtehude's Chorale Partita: Auf meinhen lieben Gott.† 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven. Variations on Russian Theme from Wranitzky's Das Waldmadchen, WoO 71; Trio in G Op 91; and Piano Sonata in C minor Op 10 No1.†
10.00 Les Cent Baisers: Baron Frederic d'Erlanger's ballet music. BBC Concert Orchestra.†
10.30 Guitar Encores: Julian Bream plays works by Michael Berkeley and Granados (arranged Bream).
11.00 Suher and Guher Pekinel: two pianos. Debussy's En blanc et noir; Rachmaninov's Suite No 1 Op 5; and Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.†
12.15 New Year's Day Concert: from Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (under Maazel) Part one. 1.00 News.
1.05 New Year's Day Concert: part two.†
2.05 Beethoven Choral Symphony: Klemperer conducts Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus. With soloists Nordmo-Lovberg, Ludwig, Kmenttnd Hans Hotter.†
3.20 Born 1685: Recordings of works by Bach, Handel and Scarlatti.
5.00 The Octave of the Nativity: Reconstruction of The Mass of the Circumcision, as performed in Beauvais Cathedral 1228. With the Gothic Voices.†
6.35 Lindsay String Quartet: Schubert's Quartet movement in C minor, D 703; Bartok's Quarter No 4; Dvorak's Quartet in G Op 106. Interval at 7.10.†
8.00 Jimmy Durante's Nose (and Other Faces). Cartoonist Mel Calnan talks to caricaturist Al Hirschfeld. Lillian Gish is one of the contributors.
8.30 BBC SO: (under Wand). With Edith Peinemann (violin). Berlioz's overture Le carnaval romain; Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1; Brahms's Symphony No 2.† Interval at 9.05.
10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents the Stan Tracey Big Band.†
11.00 Le Silver Bell: The story of the great soprano saxophonist and clarinettist Sidney Bechet, told by Russell Davies. With many historic recordings.†
MF (medium wave) as vhf except: 7.00-11.00am Cricket: Third Test. (India v England at Calcutta).

Radio 2

4.00am David Yarnall† including 5.02 Cricket. 5.30 Bill Rennells† including 6.02, 7.02 Cricket; 7.50 Racing. 8.05 Colin Berry† including 9.02 Cricket. 10.00 The David Hamilton Anniversary Show.† 12.00 The Magic of ... John Gregory and His Cascading Strings. 1.00pm Ray Moore with the best of Two's Best.† 2.30 The News Huddlines: 1984. 3.00 Sport on 2 Special: includes Cricket (Third Test between England and India in Calcutta) and Rugby Union (South and South West v Romania). 5.00 Classified Results. 5.20 Rugby round-up. 5.23 Cricket. 5.25 Racing round-up. 5.30 John Dunn looks back at 1984. 8.00 The American Popular Song (11). Those taking part include Sammy Cahn. 9.00 The Skymasters Big Band (with Georgie Fame and Norman Winstone). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Where Were You in 62? Memory Game. Guests include Dinah Sheridan. 10.30 Give Us a Conch. With Don MacLeon, Derek Jones, Mike Stoddard and Sheila Anderson. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Night Owls.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies including 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright.† 5.00 Bruno Brookes† including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel's Festive 50.† VHF RADIOS 1 & 2. 4.00am with Radio 2. 2.30pm With Radio 1. 7.30 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Regional TV and World Service on facing page

Rescue launched to save unique Victorian images

David Nicholson-Lord

A fragile pictorial history of Victorian and Edwardian life in an English county is to figure in a painstaking rescue operation at the Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, where, over the next year, four workers will copy fading photographic images from old glass to modern film.

The historic Spalding collection of 6,000 glass plate negatives, depicting everday scenes in Essex from the 1860s to the second world war, constitutes a unique archive. But it has been threatened with oblivion as the collodion, silver nitrate and gelatin used on the plates deteriorated.

The Manpower Services *Commision* has provided money to photograph and store the plates, and to produce modern photgraphs and an index for growing numbers of local history enthusiasts who use the record office.

The pictures were taken, mainly for postcards, by Frederick Spalding, who died in 1947, aged nearly 90, and his father, also Frederick. The elder Spalding had begun to take photographs on "wet collodion" plates in the 1860s, and in 1882 the Spaldings began using the newer dry gelatin process.

By the 1890s the younger Spalding had established a thriving business and was able to combine it with his passionate interest in local history, documenting the changes he witnessed in a long lifetime.



Edwardian Essex: Children playing around a water pump in Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, one of the scenes in the historic collections.







Then and now: Strolling couples in tranquil Willingale contrast strongly with the busy scene in Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, today. (contemporary photographs: John Voos).

Letter from Cologne

British arts serve up a rich feast

Rarely has any German city enjoyed such a feast of British culture. Almost every da for the past three months a British play, film, exhibition, poetry reding, concert or lecture has been reminding the people of Cologne that the British Council, whose German headquarters are in this lively Rhinelans city, has just celebrated not only its fiftieth jubilee, but 25 years of work in West Germany.

"The British Scene" as the publicity programme described the jamboree, has certainly been lively: feadings by Tom Sharpe, Iris Murcoch, D.M. Thomas, performances of *Vanity Fair* and *Pericles* by cheek by Jowl, the Edinburgh Festival fringe prize-winners, *Orwell's England* from the National Theatre, Shakespeare songs, folk, rock, eighteenth-century English art, lectures, videotapes and much else.

But what the Scrooges in Whitehall will probably find most impressive about this outpouring is that the West Germans paid for 90 per cent of it.

And this is the pattern of the Council's activities throughout West Germany – We provide – you pay. On a budget of around £400,000 a year for the whole country, astonishingly little compared with the lavish funds available for the promotion of French and American culture, Britain manages to make an impact as great, if not greater, than either.

West Germany is perhaps one of the Council's showpiece countries. First, there is an extraordinary thirst for all things English, especilly high culture. Germans speak very good English. They are among the most numerous visitors to Britain, and German culture itself is very open to outside influences.

Secondly, there already existed 25 years ago a network of prototype centres of British influence left over from the post-war occupation. These were part of the "Bridges" programme which attempted to impart British, and by implication democratic, values to the shattered country.

Space and buildings were there for the Council to take over, though it cut down the number of centres, and has now reduced them to four: Munich, Hamburg, Coogne and West Berlin – the minimum needed to serve a country with a decentralized federal structure.

Lastly, the Council is able to devote a larger proportion of its time and money *in* Germany than in Third World countries to doing those things that make the headlines in the arts pages of the local press: promoting Shakespeare, avant-garde art, ballet, music and book exhibitions. For West Germans do not need, as Egypt or India does, extensive technical aid or English language programmes.

The trick, of course, is to find the way of sending over the Royal Shakespeare Company without having to foot a bill so large that there is no money for anything else. Using market forces is the answer: the Council liaises, promotes, responds to demand and acts as a cultural middleman, not as an impresario.

"We identify what Germans say is of interest to them. We don't say: 'We have a wonderful ballet here, who wants it?'", Mr Robert Arbuthnot, head of the Council in West Germany, said. Nothing is done unless in collaboration with German partners.

The staff of 25 in Cologne *(mostly Germans)* respond to several thousand requests a year, often for material on the less-exalted aspects of life in Britain, such as the coal strike, unemployment, Northern Ireland. "We're not here to persuade people that Britain is wonderful, but to inform about *Britain, warts and all*", Mr Arbuthnot said. "If people ask about Northern Ireland, they get a series of press cuttings. But it's not our job to explain government policy."

On the whole, Britain is well regarded in West Germany, and there is an extraordinary interest in all the media in what goes on across the North Sea. The British Council has already had to sacrifice two regional offices in an earlier round of cuts. Germans would be aghast and offended if any more were enforced.

Michael Binyon

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Sale guide

Now on: **Aquascutum**, 100 Regent Street, London, W1; **Allders of Croydon**, North End, Croydon; **Laura Ashley**, all branches; **Austin Reed**, all branches; **Bally**, all branches; **Boots**, all branches; **British Homes Stores**, all branches; **Burberrys**, 18-22 Haymarket, SW1 and 165 Regent Street, W1; **Debenhams**, all branches; **Dickins & Jones**, 224 Regent Street, W1; ***D. H. Evans***, Oxford Street, W1; **Fenwick**, New Bond Street, W1; **Hornes**, all branches; **Habitat**, all branches; **Heal's**, 196 Tottenham Court Road, W1; **Jaeger**, all branches; **John Lewis** and branches; **Liberty**, Regent Street, W1; **Littlewoods**, all branches; **Maples, Waring & Gillow**, Tottenham Court Road, W1; **Moss Bros**, all branches; **Mothercare** all branches; **Raynes**, all branches; ***Reject China Shops***, *all* branches; **Russell & Bromley**, all branches; **Selfridges**, Oxford Street, W1; **Simpson**, Piccadilly, W1; **Tesco**, Home'n'Wear Departments; **Woolworth & Woolco**, all branches.

Starting today: C&A at Brent Cross.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,623

ACROSS

1 Stormy Atlantic is one scourge of sailors (3-1-4-5).
9 Security device for Peter workin' at keys (6-3).
10 Coin America disposed of for well below par (5).
11 Orpington for example, always dividing political sides (5).
12 No end to Hibernian rainbow? (4).
13 Region of nameless battleground (4).
15 This is for tricky places, beginning laparotomy (7).
17 Palace walk that started with lane, capitally? (7).
18 Having written music, gesture of approval goes round gallery (7).
20 Dog star? (7).
21 Carriage left bearing wine (4).
22 Border set-back for euphonium (4).
23 Dicey-looking apprentice in charge (5).
26 One mile past – butterfly for one can go no further (5).
27 A French word for tin is not necessary (9).
28 In an apathetic way he hardly felt a reform (4-9).

DOWN

1 Keeps in a highly dry place? Fancy! (7,2,5).
2 Having an irregular nap, in imperial style (5).
3 Healer takes a turn for the worse at *Ringway (10)*.
4 Well-instructed in New Latin about the wedding (7).
5 Punch line for him was dropping the pilot (7).
6 Holly is one above the law (4).
7 But don't expect it to have a cube root! (5-4).
8 Make up topical rhyme about a *pound in terms of figures (14)*.
14 The clever men at Oxford were this, said Grahame (10).
16 Second mowing ordered at the farm (9).
19 Painful exclamation by girl Sally? (7).
20 First class idiot has record turned over – what a bloomer! (7).
24 Split down the middle – provided the offer is external (5).
25 See the combined gathering (4).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 16,622 will appear next Saturday

Wednesday's puzzle will contain some favourite clues from the past.

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Holiday travel

Pre-recorded travel information on **Traveline-rail:** 01-246 8030; **road:** 01-246 8031; **sea:** 01-246 8032; **air:** 01-246 8033.

Rail

Today: Saturday service with additional peak hour trains on commuter routes; no overnight trains.

January 1: Saturday service on InterCity routes in England and Wales; Sunday service on other lines; no service in Scotland.

January 2: Normal Wednesday service in England and Wales; only long distance trains in Scotland.

Passengers are advised to check *their train before travelling.*

Roads

The AA reminds motorists that driving in fog can cause eye strain and extra fatigue, and advises drivers to make more frequent stops

Midlands and East Anglia: A1: Contraflow N of Costerworth at Stoke Rochford, Lincolnshire. **A10:** Temporary signals on Kings Lynn to Downham Market road at West Winch, Norfolk. **A134:** Temporary signals at Sudbury, Suffolk.

North: A49: Temporary lights on Scotland Road, Warrington, Cheshire. **A63:** Roadworks at Hemingbrough, N Yorkshire. **A69:** Roadworks at Greenhead, Northumberland.

Wales and West: A470: Single line traffic with lights on Builth Wells to Llyswen road at Erwood, Powys. **M4:** Only one lane westbound between junctions 17 and 18 (Cirencester to Bath). **A449:** Contraflow on M4 (junction 24) to Monmouth road at Llantrisant, Gwent; also on Coldra to Usk road and between Raglan and Monmouth.

Scotland: A94: Roadworks N and S of Fordoun, Kincardinshire; diversions. **A93:** Single line traffic with lights N of Blairgowrie, Perthshire. **A978** (City of Aberdeen): Waverley Place and Albert Street closed.

Buses and Underground

Today: Most Underground lines operating until about 1am (with some mid-evening station closures) and expanded night bus network until 4am. Free travel on both buses and Underground after 11pm.

Tomorrow: Sunday service with extra Underground trains for West End sales and football matches.

For details call London Regional *Trasport* on 01-222 1234.

Snow reports

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: Complete but narrow, wet snow. Middle runs: Some complete, wet snow. Lower slopes: Very little wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,200ft. Glenshee: Very little, wet snow. Vertical runs: Nil. Hill and *main roads*: Clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glencoe: Insufficient snow. Lecht: Upper runs: Snow cover patchy. Middle runs: Almost complete, very wet snow. Lower sloopes: No snow. Vertical runs: 300ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Nature notes

On cold mornings, small birds are up searching for food before sunrise: blackbirds chase each other in the half-light, on patches of grass where there is a chance of finding worms. Larger birds like woodpigeons stay longer in their roosting trees. Many woodpigeons are now singing both *in the morning and the late* afternoon – a deep, regular cooing, with an air of indignation and astonishment on the highernotes. Scaup-duck are common on the coasts and are beginning to appear in ones and twos on inland waters: they are like tufted ducks without a crest, and with a pearly-grey back instead of a black back. Both species have the same bright yellow eyes.

Most berries have gone, but the cotoneasters are still laden with red fruit, which the blackbirds and mistle-thrushes will soon be turning to. Harvest mice sleep in their underground burrows, but wake up to feed from time to time on their stores of grain, or even to come out briefly on a warmer day. Grey and red squirrels remain active through most of the winter, though they often rest or take shelter in their untidy dreys of sticks and moss and dead leaves.

DJM

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 1ES 498117 (winner comes from London Borough of Barnet); £50,000: 13AW 914290 (Berkshire); £25,000: 7LT 209219 (Lancashire).

The pound

	Buys	Sells
Australia $	1.455	[illegible]
Austria Sch	26.55	25.25
Belgium Fr	76.40	72.40
Canada $	1.59	1.52
Denmark Kr	13.55	12.85
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.50
France Fr	11.55	11.00
Germany DM	3.78	3.58
Greece Dr	177.00	163.00
Hong Kong $	9.45	8.55
Ireland Pt	1.22	1.16
Italy Lira	2320.00	2220.00
Japan Yen	305.00	289.00
Netherlands Gld	4.27	4.07
Norway Kr	10.92	10.42
Portugal Esc	206.00	188.00
South Africa Rd	2.55	2.30
Spain Pta	208.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	10.80	10.30
Switzerland Fr	3.105	2.955
USA $	1.21	1.16
Yugoslavia Dnr	295.00	275.00

Retail Price Index: 358.8.

London: The *FT* index closed up 16.2 on Friday at 945.2.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 1.65 on Friday at 1204.17.

Anniversaries

TODAY

Henri Matisse was born, Le Cateau, 1869. *Deaths:* **John Flamsteed**, first astronomer royal, Greenwich, 1719; **Miguel de Unamuno y Jugo**, writer, Salamanca, 1936; **Sir Malcolm Campbell**, Reigate, Surrey, 1948.

TOMORROW

Deaths: **William Wycherley**, dramatist, London, 1716; **Heinrich Hertz**, physicist, Bonn, 1894; **Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens**, architect, London, 1944; **Maurice Chevalier**, Paris, 1972. *The Daily Universal Register* was founded by John Walter, 1785, changing its title to *The Times* on January 1, 1788.

Portfolio

Times Portfolio rules are as follows:

1 Times Portfolio is free. Purchase of The Times is not a condition of taking part.

2 Times Portfolio list comprises a group of public companies whose shares are listed on The Stock Exchange and quoted in The Times Stock Exchange prices page. The companies comprising that list will change from day to day. The list is divided into four groups of ten shares (1-10, 11-20, 21-30 and 31-40) and every Portfolio card contains two numbers from each group.

3 Times Portfolio "dividend" will be the figure in pence which represents the optimum movement in prices (i.e., largest increase or lowest loss) of a combination of eight (two from each group) of the 40 shares which on any day, comprise The Times Portfolio list.

4 The daily dividend will be announced each day and the weekly dividend will be announced each Saturday in The Times.

5 Times Portfolio list and details of the daily or weekly dividend will also be available for inspection at the offices of The Times.

6 If the overall price movement of more than one combination of shares equals the dividend, the prize will be equally divided among the claimants holding those combinations of shares.

7 All claims are subject to scrutiny before payment. Any Times Portfolio card that is defaced, tampered with or incorrectly printed in any way will be declared void.

8 Employees of News International plc and its subsidiaries and of Europrint Group Limited *(producers and distributors of the card)* or members of their immediate families are not allowed to play Times Portfolio.

9 All participants will be subject to these Rules. All instructions on "how to play" and "how to claim" whether published in The Times or in Times Portfolio cards will be deemed to be part of these Rules.

10 In any dispute, The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

11 If for any reason The Times Prices Page is not published in the normal way Times Portfolio will be suspended for that day.

How to play – Daily Dividend

On each day your unique set of eight numbers will represent commercial and industrial shares published in The Times Portfolio list which will appear on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

In the columns provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or –), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or –).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock *Exchange Prices page.*

If your overall total matches The Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright, or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You *must* have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather

Troughs of low pressure will move SE over England and Wales; a ridge of high pressure will build over NW districts.

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Cloudy, rain and drizzle at first, clearer later; wind S, becoming W to NW, moderate; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Central S, Central N England, Midlands: Rather coudy, rain and drizzle in places, clearing later; wind W to NW, light or moderate; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy with rain and drizzle at times, becoming clearer later; wing W to NW light or moderate; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy with rain and drizzle at first, becoming brighter with isolated showers; wing W to NW; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

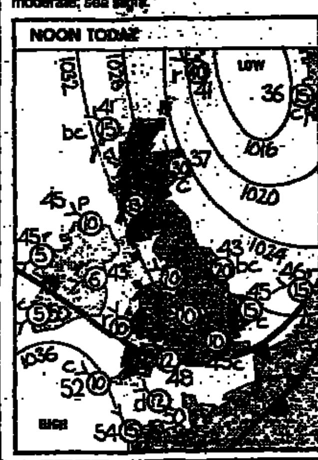
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; wind NW, moderate; max temp 5 to 7C (41 to 45F).

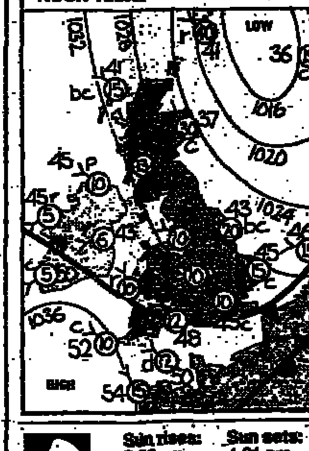
Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE NW Scotland, Orkney: Wintry showers, sunny intervals; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

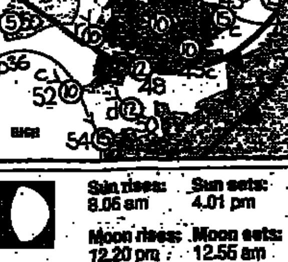
Shetland: Wintry showers, some heavy; wind NW, fresh; max temp 5C (41F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Dry apart from a few wintry showers in E; sunny intervals; rather cold with overnight frost and fog pathces.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: sea moderate. English Channel (E): Wind NW, light or moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, light or moderate; sea slight.



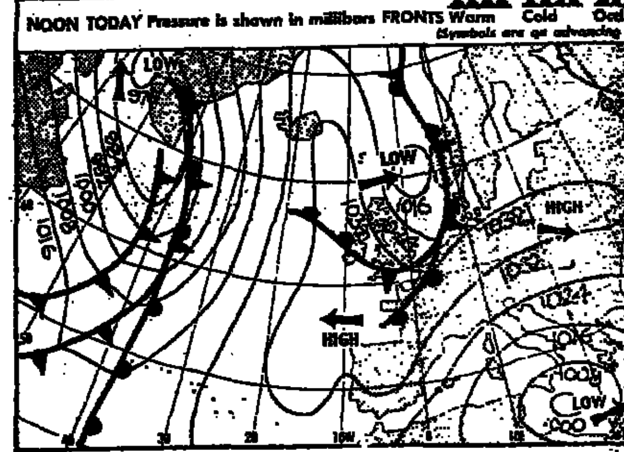




Sun rises: 8.06 am · Sun sets: 4.01 pm

Moon rises: 12.20 pm · Moon sets: 12.55 am

Full Moon: January 7.



Lighting-up time

London 4.31 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.41 pm to 7.46 am
Edinburgh 4.18 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.29 pm 7.56 am
Penzance 5.0 pm to 7.51 am

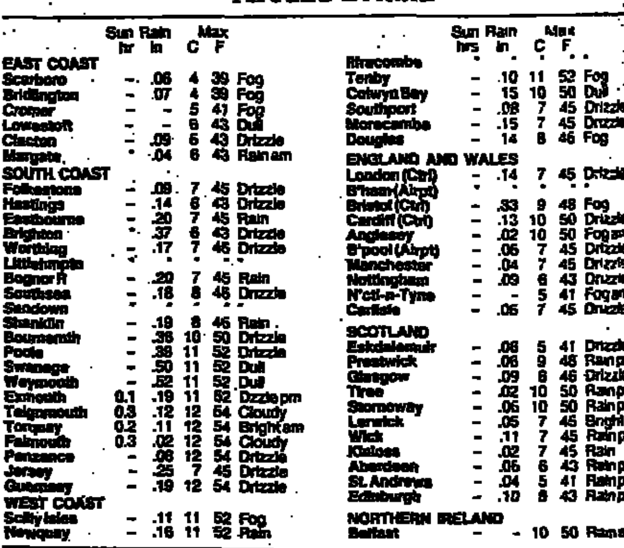
Yesterday

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	d	8	46	Guernsey	d	11	52
Birmingham	fg	7	45	Inverness			
Blackpool	d	6	43	Jersey	d	6	43
Bristol	d	9	48	London	d	6	43
Cardiff	d	9	48	Manchester	c	6	43
Edinburgh	d	6	43	Newcastle	d	3	37
Glasgow	c	7	45	Ronaldsway	d	8	46

High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.37	5.7	8.27	5.7
Aberdeen	7.59	3.3	7.54	3.4
Avonmouth	12.39	10.0	1.18	10.2
Belfast	5.32	2.9	5.50	3.0
Liverpool	5.16	7.1	5.40	7.4
Tees	10.27	4.1	10.24	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	5.29	3.3	6.24	3.3

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	–	.06	4	39	Fog
Bridlington	–	.07	4	39	Fog
Cromer	–	–	5	41	Fog
Lowestoft	–	–	6	43	Dull
Clacton	–	.09	6	43	Drizzle
Margate	•	.04	6	43	Rain am
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	–	.09	7	45	Drizzle
Hastings	–	.14	6	43	Drizzle
Eastbourne	–	.20	7	45	Rain
Brighton	•	.37	6	43	Drizzle
Worthing	–	.17	7	45	Drizzle
Littlehmptn	•	•	•	•	
Bognor R	–	.20	7	45	Rain
Southsea	–	.18	8	46	Drizzle
Sandown	•	•	•	•	
Shanklin	–	.19	8	46	Rain
Bournemth	–	.36	10	50	Drizzle
Poole	–	.38	11	52	Drizzle
Swanage	–	.50	11	52	Dull
Weymouth	–	.52	11	52	Dull
Exmouth	0.1	.19	11	52	Dzzle pm
Teignmouth	0.3	.12	12	54	Cloudy
Torquay	0.2	.11	12	54	Bright am
Falmouth	0.3	.02	12	54	Cloudy
Penzance	–	.06	12	54	Drizzle
Jersey	–	.25	7	45	Drizzle
Guernsey	–	.19	12	54	Drizzle
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	–	.11	11	52	Fog
Newquay	–	.16	11	52	Rain
Ilfracombe	•	•	•	•	
Tenby	–	.10	11	52	Fog
Colwyn Bay	–	.15	10	50	Dull
Southport	–	.08	7	45	Drizzle
Morecambe	–	.15	7	45	Drizzle
Douglas	–	.14	8	46	Fog
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	–	.14	7	45	Drizzle
B'ham (Airpt)	•	•	•	•	
Bristol (Ctrl)	–	.33	9	48	Fog
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.13	10	50	Drizzle
Anglesey	–	.02	10	50	Fog am
B'pool (Airpt)	–	.06	7	45	Drizzle
Manchester	–	.04	7	45	Drizzle
Nottingham	–	.09	6	43	Drizzle
N'ctl-n-Tyne	–	–	5	41	Fog am
Carlisle	–	.05	7	45	Drizzle
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	–	.08	5	41	Drizzle
Prestwick	–	.06	9	48	Rain pm
Glasgow	–	.09	8	46	Drizzle
Tiree	–	.02	10	50	Rain pm
Stornoway	–	.06	10	50	Rain pm
Lerwick	–	.05	7	45	Bright am
Wick	–	.11	7	45	Rain pm
Kinloss	–	.02	7	45	Rain
Aberdeen	–	.05	6	43	Rain pm
St Andrews	–	.04	5	41	Rain pm
Edinburgh	–	.10	6	43	Rain pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	–	–	10	50	Rain am

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 96 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.14in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, Nil hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1035.8 millibars, falling.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, Nil in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1037.8 millibars, steady.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Falmouth 12C (54F); lowest day max Scarborough and Bridlington 4C (39F); highest rainfall Weymouth 0.52in; highest sunshine Teignmouth and Falmouth 0.3hr.

Saturday: Highest day temp: Falmouth 12C (54F); lowest day max Leeming 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Ronaldsway 0.95in; highest sunshine: Cromer 2.5hr.

Abroad

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Cologne	c	2	36	Majorca	f	9	48	Rome	f	12	[illegible]
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Copenhgn				Malaga	s	13	55	Salzburg	sn	–2	[illegible]
Alexandria	s	19	66	Corfu	c	14	57	Malta	s	15	59	Sao Paulo			
Algiers	f	10	50	Dublin	c	9	48	*Melbourne*	s	27	81	*S Francisco*			
Amsterdam	s	1	34	Dubrovnik	s	11	52	Mexico C				Santiago			
Athens	r	11	52	Faro	s	13	55	Miami				Seoul	f	–1	[illegible]
Bahrain	f	19	66	Florence	f	7	45	Milan	c	4	39	Singapore	c	27	[illegible]
Barbados				Frankfurt	c	1	34	Montreal				Stockholm	c	–5	[illegible]
Barcelona	s	10	50	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	c	–14	7	Strasbourg	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beirut	s	18	64	Geneva	c	0	32	Munich	c	–3	27	Sydney	[illegible]	23	[illegible]
Belgrade	c	–3	27	Gibraltar	s	15	59	Nairobi				Tangier	s	14	[illegible]
Berlin	sn	–2	28	Helsinki	f	–4	25	Naples	f	11	52	Tel Aviv	s	21	[illegible]
Bermuda				Hongkong	c	13	55	New Delhi	s	19	66	Tenerife	s	19	[illegible]
Biarritz	s	4	39	Innsbruck	sn	–3	27	New York				Tokyo	s	8	[illegible]
Boulogne	c	5	41	Istanbul	r	6	43	Nice	s	10	50	Toronto			
Bordeaux	s	3	37	Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	f	–5	23	Tunis	r	14	[illegible]
Brussels	c	3	37	Jo'burg				Paris	c	3	37	Valencia	s	11	[illegible]
Budapest	sn	–2	28	Karachi	f	32	90	Peking	s	2	36	Vancouver			
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	s	20	68	Perth	s	25	77	Venice	c	4	[illegible]
Cairo	s	22	72	Lisbon	s	10	50	Prague	sn	–4	25	Vienna	sn	–3	[illegible]
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	s	1	34	Reykjavik	c	1	34	Warsaw	c	–2	[illegible]
C'blanca	s	15	59	L Angeles				Rhodes	f	16	61	Washington			
Chicago				Luxembg	sn	0	32	Riyadh	f	16	61	Wellington*	s	17	[illegible]
Ch'church*	s	19	66	Madrid	s	6	43	Rio de Jan				Zurich	f	–1	[illegible]

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